

4-Star Rank Asked For 9

WASHINGTON. — President Roosevelt has asked Congress to create nine new four-star generals to raise the nation's total in World War II to 11, the largest number in history.

Nine lieutenant generals, eight more than ever were nominated at one time before, were named by the President to be temporary full generals. They are Joseph T. McNarney, Omar N. Bradley, Carl Spaatz, George C. Kenney, Mark Clark, Walter Krueger, Brehon B. Somervell, Jacob L. Devers and Thomas T. Handy.

Until the recent creation by Congress of the five-star rank of General of the Army, full generalship was the highest rank attainable. At present there are only two four-star officers on active duty, Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, commanding general of the Army Ground Forces, and Gen. Malin Craig, head of the War Department's personnel board.

Second Highest Rank

The new four-star generals will be outranked only by the four generals of the Army, George C. Marshall, chief-of-staff; Henry H. Arnold, Air Forces chief; Douglas MacArthur, Southwest Pacific commander, and Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme Allied Commander in Europe.

General Clark, commander of the 15th Army Group in Italy and former commanding general of the valiant 5th Army, is the youngest to attain the coveted rank. He is 46.

Only two of the new full generals operate under General Mac-

Arthur's command. They are 55-year-old Kenney, commander of the combined 5th and 13th Air Forces who directed the successful air war against the Japanese for more than two years, and Krueger, oldest of the nine and MacArthur's senior ground force commander. Although at the retirement age of 64, General Krueger commands both the 6th and 8th Armies.

Somervell Included

General Bradley commands the 12th Army Group on the Western Front which includes the 1st, 3d, 9th and 15th, while General Somervell won his recognition for his work as commanding general of the Army Service Forces all over the world. He directs production, procurement and shipment of supplies.

General McNarney is deputy (See "4-STAR RANK," Page 8)

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Yanks Pour Across Rhine; Russians Nearing Berlin

WASHINGTON.—With five Allied armies linked solidly along 150 miles of the west bank of the Rhine, from the Dutch border almost to Coblenz, the Yanks are pouring across the bridge taken at Remagen from disorganized Nazis and over pontoon bridges built by the en-

gineers, to extend a huge bridgehead along the east bank.

The east bank bridgehead, established late last week, has been extended to form a position five miles deep by 12 miles long. The southern end approaches the great main highway from Frankfurt to the

Ruhr. It is being steadily extended despite several German counterattacks, and is crammed with Yank troops, artillery and armored vehicles.

Sections of the 1st and 3rd Armies, joining on the Rhine's west bank, captured Bonn, and trapped 50,000 Nazis of the defending army.

The Canadian 1st Army, with the U. S. 9th, crushed the last resistance in the Wesel pocket to the north, taking 50,000 prisoners, the best of Von Runstedt's troops. The Canadians and British are reported (See "YANKS POUR," Page 8)



—Signal Corps Photo

ADVANCING TO ATTACK on the road to Roermond, Holland, infantrymen crawl on the ground and run for cover in house to avoid enemy sniper fire.

Ike Lauds AF For Bombing Reich Towns

LONDON. — Tribute to Allied Air Forces for their destructive bombings of Reich industrial cities, so vitally important in hastening war's end, was paid by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower following his personal inspection tours of Juelich, Dueren and Muenchen-Gladbach.

In a communication to Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Harris, commander of the RAF Bomber Command, the Supreme Commander lauded the 8th and 50th Air Forces and the RAF and said "advancing troops are quick to appreciate" the helpfulness that has come from these bombings of industrial centers.

The systematic shattering has left Cologne 60 per cent destroyed; Duisburg and Hamborn, where the Thyssen steel works were, 40 per cent destroyed; Essen, home of the Krupp's works, over 50 per cent; Bochum, 83 per cent; Dortmund, 41 per cent, and Dusseldorf, 65 per cent destroyed.

Some ETO Troops Will Get Home Furloughs En Route To Pacific

WASHINGTON.—An undetermined number of American troops now fighting in Europe will be returned to this country after the defeat of Germany and given furloughs before being re-equipped and shipped to the Pacific.

Lt. Gen. Brehon Somervell, commanding general of the Army Service Forces, in a nationwide broadcast disclosed this plan of the Army together with one to ship other men and supplies direct from Europe to the Orient. He gave no details.

"Our job will be larger, not smaller, after V-E Day," General Somervell said. "We will face a big load in moving troops back to this country, handling their furloughs, re-equipping them and shipping them

to the Pacific. There will be a movement of men and supplies directly from Europe to the Orient."

No Other Good News

Discussing the amazing production and achievement record of the Army Service Forces in 1944, Gen-

15th Army Added And Bradley Now Has Million Men

12TH ARMY GROUP HEADQUARTERS. — Addition of the 15th Army of the 12th Army Group has brought the number of troops under Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley on the Western Front well past the million mark.

The 15th Army, it was disclosed, is commanded by Lt. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow, who headed the 5th Corps of the 1st Army in the Normandy campaign. General Gerow, who had served as chief of the War Plans Division, succeeded Maj. Gen. Russell P. Hartle as commander of the Field Forces in the Mediterranean Theater, and in 1942 was in command of the 29th Division.

General Gerow, son of a retired railroad conductor, is 56, a native of Petersburg, Va., and a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, 1911. As president of his class and honor man, he was the only member directly commissioned in the Army without an examination.

Copies of Army Times are made available to all Army hospitals through the American Red Cross.

eral Somervell gave no other encouragement to leave-hungry GI's now fighting in the European theater and forecast a hard and perhaps long fight in the Pacific with "heavy" losses.

He indicated that some men may be discharged after their return from Europe with the statement that "we have closed about one-fourth of the posts we manage in the United States and are holding them ready for troops back from (See "ETO's," Page 8)

Reports 748,457 Army Casualties

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of War Stimson on Thursday announced Army casualties through March 7 totaled 748,457, an increase of 15,535 over a week ago.

These included:

Killed	145,733
Wounded	450,766
Missing	89,656
Prisoners	62,302

The secretary said that ground force casualties on the Western Front during February were 34,468, less than half those of December and 27,494 less than January's. He said 4145 were killed, 26,436 wounded and 3887 missing.

Mr. Stimson also revealed that since Feb. 23 the Allies have captured 140,000 Germans.

Half Million In Equipment Lost

NEW YORK. — To illustrate urgent need for immediate increased production on the home front, Brig. Gen. Stewart E. Reimel, Ordnance District Chief, reveals that equipment valued at \$500,000,000, including an estimated 6205 combat vehicles, 34,250 general purpose vehicles, 168,885 rifles and other small arms, 23,871 mortars and machine guns and 75,245 binoculars, watches and compasses have been lost by American armies in the European theater since the Normandy invasion.

Paid 30-Day Leave Urged By Standley

WASHINGTON. — A month's leave with pay prior to discharge, plus a ticket home, has been urged upon Congress for every overseas soldier by Admiral William H. Standley, former American ambassador to Russia and onetime chief of naval operations.

"Such a respite would give them a chance, without the necessity of trying to plunge right back into civilian life, to see what conditions are, what has to be done, what they can do, so when they do get their discharge they will be far better fitted in every way to resume their places as useful citizens," Admiral Standley explained in an article in the Army and Navy Journal.

Offering the suggestion "as a first step" to help "our boys readjust themselves to changed conditions and viewpoints," the admiral recalled his own feeling of frustra-

tion when first given a leave from the Naval Academy in his student days.

"Throughout my plebe year at the academy, I was looking forward to the grand time I would have when home again with friends. The reunion was all that I anticipated . . . but in a few days something seemed out of adjustment. My friends were all busy, and, in the main, pursuing the same objectives they were before I left.

"In the daytime I was unoccupied and lonely and . . . had passed out of their orbit of activities and interests.

"Many of our boys will be in exactly the same status as I was when I had my first leave from the academy. A month's leave at home while still in uniform will not only help them toward a realistic (See "PAID LEAVE," Page 8)

Senate-House Conferees To Draft New Work Bill

WASHINGTON.—A long, tough struggle to fashion a manpower bill satisfactory to both branches of Congress was forecast with the appointment on Wednesday of conference committees to battle over the different versions passed by the House and Senate.

Triumphant administration leaders in the House beat down attempts of a coalition of Democrats and Republicans to kill off the labor draft legislation by a vote of 211 to 177 and ordered the Senate O'Mahoney-Kilgore "voluntary" bill and the House May-Bailey "work-or-go-to-jail" bill sent to conference.

The conference committees of each branch were loaded heavily in favor of their respective bills and it appeared that a long fight will

ensue before any compromise substitute is fashioned.

The House measure would permit Selective Service local boards to call up to war industries any registrant 18 to 45 not in uniform. All men in that age classification, including veterans, are frozen on their war jobs or in agriculture. The bill is backed by the regular draft-dodger penalties of Selective Service, five years in jail or \$10,000 for violations.

The Senate version gives statutory authority to the War Manpower Commission, permits imposition of ceilings and requires re-employment certificates. Employers who violate WMC regulations may be charged with a misdemeanor with penalties of a year in jail or \$10,000 fines.

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VFW Urges Extension Of National Insurance

WASHINGTON — Pointing out that the first National Service Life Insurance policies taken out by servicemen in this war expire in 1945, the Veterans of Foreign Wars urged Congress this week to provide continued insurance for America's fighting men by extending the life of Government term insurance through the duration of the war.

It was noted certain provisions in National Service Life Insurance require the holder to convert his policy or to give it up five years after the date of issue. The VFW is urging legislation to avoid this

by automatically extending the term of the insurance until the end of the war. A proposal covering this has been presented to the Veterans Administration by the national legislative committee of the VFW.

A bill aimed toward this objective for members of the armed forces serving overseas has been introduced by Representative Gordon L. McDonough, of Missouri. But the VFW feels that the bill does not go far enough and that the extension of the insurance should apply also to service men and women still in the United States.

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Army Decides To Pare Prisoner-Of-War Menu

WASHINGTON. — The Army has decided that what's good enough for American civilians is good enough for prisoners of war.

Taking cognizance of the civilian meat shortage, the War Department has issued a memorandum signed by General Marshall, Chief of Staff, ordering all personnel in charge of boarding prisoners overseas to "make every effort to substitute, on prisoner-of-war menus, food items which are easily obtainable and not in short supply, in lieu of those items of food in

which critical shortages exist." A similar program has been adopted for prisoner-of-war installations within the continental United States.

Civilians have long been restricted in the use of short items.

Acknowledges Shortages

The order acknowledges that meat supply and other food serves are rapidly being exhausted by the increased demands of the armed forces and directs the Quartermaster General to keep the commanders posted on what food are short in the United States.

The War Department made clear that while prisoners of war may find themselves eating less beef and more cold cuts, Article of the Geneva Convention dealing with the feeding of prisoners, is to be respected under the new policy. The article requires that the ration of prisoners shall be "equal in quantity and quality to that of our troops at base camps. It means that the ration shall have 'the same nutritional value,' it does 'not mean that identical items will be furnished,' the War Department memo explains.

The order directs that immediate steps be taken to substitute plentiful foodstuffs and specifies that applies "not only to meats, but all canned fruits and vegetable fruit preserves, jellies and all other food items which are critical short."

Lake Of Wine New Oasis For Allies

WITH THE U. S. 7TH ARMY.

A great subterranean wine vat, containing thousands of gallons of stout red wine slightly fortified with brandy, has become a strange but popular drinking oasis for French troops and a few Allied soldiers who find their way into this front-line area along the Rhine.

The veritable lake of wine is located in the courtyard of a plant in Strasbourg which made a vermouth-type of wine before the Germans fled. Algerians and Goums arrived first and made off with loose bottles and tanks inside the building, but plenty remains for those who can find containers or who do their drinking on the spot.

Resembling a "come-one, come-all" filling station, the courtyard is the scene daily of men lowering buckets and bottles into the wine vat. Old bottles are washed in a tub of wine because no water is available and spilled wine has turned the courtyard into a sea of red mud.

Rear Echelon Troops Rushed To Front To Aid In Kayo Punch

12TH ARMY REINFORCEMENT DEPOT, England.—General feeling that war in Europe is drawing to a close is indicated by the rushing of cooks, truck drivers, typists and other rear echelon troops trained at this depot in six weeks as infantrymen to the battlefields of Germany as reinforcements. Fewer soldiers are arriving from the States and manpower on the fighting fronts is being provided by these men of the Supply Services.

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Sergeant Refuses Bronze Star

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—More severely wounded in pride than in flesh, Sgt. Joseph Kusalla, 24-year-old veteran of the Western Front, has refused a recently awarded Bronze Star for "leadership under fire" because the citation was a "reversal of decision" of the Fort Benning Officer Candidate School, where he washed out. Sergeant Kusalla, who is a patient of the Nichols General Hospital, said in a letter to Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff, that the officer candidate school "handed me a white slip of paper stating that I lacked the qualifications of a leader."

Later he went overseas and related in the letter that when two officers deserted their men and "fled in terror" in the face of enemy fire, he led an assault against enemy positions.

Kusalla said the Bronze Star was

an "ill-conceived sop to my conscience." His letter said that if the award "were intended to complement me on my achievements, then it failed to cover the entire picture adequately."

He described other front-line action in which he said he directed an assault on four pillboxes, under the "same kind of fire mentioned in the citation," took "50-odd" prisoners including an officer, "holding at bay" a fifth pillbox while an officer returned to "scare up some reinforcements preparatory to another assault."

The citation stated that when Kusalla's platoon was subjected to "intense artillery and mortar shelling," the sergeant "immediately took charge and without regard for his own safety assisted medical men

in caring for the wounded."

Kusalla, an honor graduate of Columbia University, addressed General Marshall earnestly and respectfully. He said he realized the seriousness of the charges he was making against American officers. He asserted that the majority of commissioned officers in the armed services are brave and efficient.

Admitting that the complaint might react against him he declared, "I am willing to pit my war record against anything they can do to me. After all, nothing more can hurt me."

Thus far no War Department comment has been made on the letter painfully typed with a left hand while Kusalla's broken and partly paralyzed right hung in a sling.



HIGH-HAT BARBECUE is in the office as Sgt. James A. Laningham, of Trafford, Ala., member of Co. C, 1st Bn., 8th Inf. Div. of First Army, dons a silk chapeaux and cleans a chicken as his unit rests after a three-day battle for the town of Modrath, Germany.

War Department Approves Discharged Veterans' Flag

WASHINGTON. — Provision for recognition of the honorably discharged veteran on the service flag displayed by his immediate family and affiliated organization is announced by the War Department. The design of the lapel button for honorable service worn by the discharged soldier will be used as the symbol.

For each individual who has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces, the design will be placed on the flag in lieu of the blue star. When two or more individuals are represented, the design of the discharged veteran will replace the star or stars nearest the fly end of the flag. Organizations may use one symbol and the num-

ber of members below it in Arabic numerals, as with the blue or gold stars.

The design will be gold in color, like its counterpart, the lapel button, for honorable service, and will consist of a dexter eagle displayed perched within a ring, the dexter wing of the eagle behind the ring, the sinister wing in front of the ring. To make the symbol stand out from the white background of the flag the design will be edged in blue.

The new provision is made by the Secretary of War, who is authorized by Public Law 750, 77th Congress, to approve the design of the service flag and lapel button for honorable service and to issue regulations concerning their use and display.

Profane Pilot Is Fouled Up; Maybe

ABOARD A U. S. AIRCRAFT CARRIER. — Unable to find other American pilots from this ship at a supposed rendezvous point, a pilot circled for 15 minutes and then radioed the carrier. "Where the hell is everybody?" he barked. "I'm all fouled up." The answer came promptly. "Pilot using profane language report name and serial number without delay. Over." "Hell, I'm not that fouled up," the flier quipped back.

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The depot, the largest in the European Theater of Operations, utilizes every possible source of manpower, every available machine and factory in the Paris area, and every ounce of American ingenuity in the reclaiming of this battle-damaged

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Ernie Pyle Goes To Bat!

Another great and good friend of the men and women in uniform is Ernie Pyle. Observant Ernie has called attention to the needs of the fighting men in his widely-distributed chatty, friendly home-town columns.

To Ernie goes the lion's share of the credit for the Combat and Expert Infantrymen's Badges and extra green stuff in pay envelopes. Writing from the front lines he told the story of the fox-hole soldiers so well that the home folks were in complete agreement with suggestion of extra award.

Again Ernie is going to bat, but this time for the B-29 men. Writing from the South Pacific, he says, "One of the things most needed for morale among fliers over here is the setting up of some kind of goal for them. . . . The way it is now, they are flying in the dark. . . . They're just going on and on until fate overtakes them, with nothing to shoot for."

"No rest-camp goal has yet been set. They say it has to come from Washington, and Washington is slow about it. . . . It's no good to create a rest camp out here. . . . What they want is a change, something far away—lights and girls and companionship and modern things and gaiety. And somebody better hurry."

I'll Just Have To Tell Him . . .

In declining an invitation to attend ceremonies for presentation of the Air Medal posthumously awarded her husband, an unidentified woman has voiced the heart-break behind every name on a casualty list.

"I am used to the Government leaving things at my door, the telegram, the Purple Heart, and so I won't mind the Air Medal coming through the mail, too," she wrote.

"I would like to have it, you see, because of my son. He's never seen his father but still there's so much I want him to know of his dad. I guess the only way is to show off his dad's medals to him."

"I wish I could tell him his father died to save him from being drawn into a third World War. I'm afraid I'll just have to tell him about his father as a civilian, a young man just out of college with his life ahead of him, dying before he had a chance to live for what he was fighting for."

The Rhine Is A Symbol!

In crossing the Rhine American soldiers have crossed more than a river—they have bridged a symbol, for to the Germans the Rhine is even more rich in tradition than our own Old Mississippi.

In the war-laden history of Germany the Rhine has always been the teeing-off point for conquests in the successive historical eruptions. Strange and cruel mythology has risen from the mists, which blanket this great river.

This mythology has had a great influence on the imagination and emotions of the German people. The crossing of their great symbol might well have as powerful influence in future history as it has military significance today.

'Fight Until The Foe Gets Tired'—Hitler



At Your Service

Q. What does F.A.T.C., C.T. & C.C. mean in an address of a man overseas?

A. Field Artillery Training Center, Chinese Training & Combat Command.

Q. Can you tell me the dates for the period of time the Civilian Military Training Camp at Fort Logan, Colo., was conducted in 1922?

A. July 27, 1922 to August 27, 1922.

Q. Will you please list the units in the 41st Division which were cited by the President for the taking of Roosevelt Ridge in the Salamaua Battle?

A. Decorations and awards show two citations for units of the 41st Division, but neither mention Roosevelt Ridge or the Salamaua battle. All forces taking part in the Papuan Campaign were cited in General Orders 21 of 1943 and the 2nd Platoon, Co. L, 163rd Regiment, 41st Division, was cited in General Orders 76, 1944.

Q. I am a discharged soldier and not able to work steady. Would I be eligible for the business loan under the GI Bill of Rights to start a business in the community? B.R.B.

A. To be eligible a veteran must have had active service on or after Sept. 16, 1940; have a discharge under conditions other than dishonorable; have had active service of at least 90 days (some part of it on or after Sept. 16, 1940), or have been discharged for a service-incurred disability if service was less than 90 days. In all types of loans the Veterans' Administration will check to see that the veteran does not overpay for the property he buys. In making farm and business loans there must be a showing that the veteran has ability and experience, and a reasonable likelihood of success. The procedure for all loans under the GI Bill is for the veteran to apply at any bank, building and loan association, farm credit association, or other approved lending agency, which will have all the necessary blanks and information and will, if it decides to make the loan, make necessary application to the Veterans' Administration for the government guaranty of 50 per cent of such loan. The V.A. must approve the terms which must protect the veteran as well as the lending agency.

Q. My son is stationed in China. His former address was in part

An Information Service on GI matters of all kinds.

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"HQ Y Force" and now is "HQ C.T. & C.C." What does the address mean?

A. Originally there was a "Y" Force and a "Z" Force which were assigned the task of training Chinese soldiers. These two Forces were combined and are now known as the "Chinese Training and Combat Command."

Q. Is the Washington-Lee College located at Lexington, Va., a training school for Catholic Chaplains? If not, what are the men trained for who are stationed there?

A. The Washington-Lee College at Lexington is not a training school for Catholic Chaplains, but is the Army's School for Personnel Services, formerly known as the School for Special Services.

Q. In the Army, what is a "B.C.L." and a "B.C.M."?

A. Both the B.C.L. and B.C.M. are barges used by the Air Corps for the transportation of planes. BCLs (barge cargo large) are more than 100 feet in length; BCMs (barge cargo medium) are barges up to 100 feet in length.

Q. Can the Army serial number of an enlisted man be changed? If so, under what circumstances is such a change authorized? What Army Regulation covers this?

A. AR 615-30 covers this subject. Par. 3b of the AR provides that the Army serial number originally properly assigned to an enlisted man will not under any circumstances be assigned to another enlisted man. It will continue to be his number throughout his service in the Army, and will never be changed unless the enlisted man has subsequent service as a member of the National Guard inducted into Federal service, or as a trainee inducted under the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, in which case the serial numbers will be assigned as indicated in paragraphs 4b and c of the AR.

Letters

Gentlemen:

In a recent issue of Army Times you carried a story, titled "A Christmas Story," in which you told about the visit Santa Claus paid my daughter, Martha Jane Williams, in Fort Bragg's station hospital.

Realizing the transient characteristics of men in the armed forces I would like your assistance in thanking the men who made Santa's visit possible. Will you please publish the following thank-you note?

To the Men of Fort Bragg
Military Police Detachment,
Fort Bragg, N. C.:

Readers everywhere no doubt reacted to the humane story of the little girl who was happily surprised by the visit of Santa Claus during her hospitalization at Fort Bragg, N. C. Her circumstances were made infinitely worse by her daddy being shipped overseas prior to Christmas.

As father of the little girl I readily admit that I do not know words to properly express my profound appreciation for the fine characters displayed by that consideration.

Rest assured that not only was my child, my wife and myself made much happier by your act, but as a direct result of the same, the writer as a soldier and a citizen shall try even harder to preserve the civilization that promotes such "good will among men."

Pvt. William A. Williams,
APO 17404,
New York, New York.

Gentlemen:

On the front page of the Oct. 14 issue is a photo of an anti-tank ditch south of Futa Pass that is supposed to have been built by a 5th Army Engineer unit. This may be true, but we are inclined to believe that the ditch in question was built by the Germans as a defense of Futa Pass and the Gothic Line.

Our statement derives from having traveled Route 65 through Futa Pass a number of times. We would appreciate a statement if we are right.

1st Sgt. John R. Winn,
Sgt. Harold McKelvey,
Sgt. Lloyd Rohlfing,
Sgt. Edwin E. Oliver,
Cpl. Thomas J. Wall,
Italy.

(The Signal Corps identified the picture as a 5th Army Engineer ditch. It is possible that the busy clicking SC pixmen could have erred.—Ed.)

Army Times' Pete Reported Missing

WASHINGTON. — A member of the Army Times family is missing in action. Cpl. Peter Kikta failed to return from a combat flight over the Adriatic Sea Dec. 25, 1944.

Pete, the office boy with the big smile and the can-I-help-you attitude, was called into service from the Air Corps Reserve Jan. 17, 1944, after working with Army Times for a year and one-half.

A graduate of Anacostia high school in 1943, Pete had been awarded a scholarship to the University of Michigan, which he was unable to use because of the war. Pete, a B-24 waist gunner, is the first Army Times casualty.

'Commando' Kelly Marries, Has Brief Honeymoon

PHOENIX CITY, Ala.—Among the spectators when T/Sgt. Charles E. "Commando" Kelly married Miss May Bolsh, of Pittsburgh, here this week was Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, who was his commanding general when Kelly won the Congressional Medal of Honor for bravery in action overseas.

General Walker is now commandant at Fort Benning, Ga., where Kelly is stationed.

Kelly's honeymoon was brief since he was due to report back at Fort Benning at 8 a.m. the day following his wedding.

New CO at Pickett

CAMP PICKETT, Va.—Col. Adam E. Potts has assumed command here, with Col. Frederick H. Potts placed in charge of the 5000-bed Convalescent Hospital.

General Hines Orders Probe Of All Veterans' Hospitals

WASHINGTON. — The three major veterans' organizations of the United States will undertake a sweeping investigation of conditions in the 95 hospitals of the Veterans Administration at the request of Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, Administrator of Veterans Affairs.

General Hines asked the heads of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans to make the investigation and report the facts "to Congress, the veterans themselves and the public."

The requested investigation is a direct result of charges in the March issue of Cosmopolitan Magazine that inefficient administration in Washington and neglect and carelessness in the field are responsible for "an unconscionable high death rate" among veterans hospitalized in Veterans Administration hospitals.

Honest Investigation

General Hines said the committee of investigators will not be hampered or controlled, but "will report the facts honestly and fearlessly as they find them."

Making one of his rare radio appearances last Sunday to defend the agency against the magazine charges, General Hines said that he intended to get the facts, "but may now, with absolute confidence, say that any charges that the Veterans Administration is giving third-rate medicine to war veterans and following antiquated methods in their operation are entirely unfounded."

"And, further, the medical service of our hospitals is up to the highest professional and ethical standards of the medical profession and our hospitals are on a par with any in this country."

The Cosmopolitan article charged that only three out of five patients in veterans' hospitals complete their hospitalization; that death

rates are higher and conditions worse than statistics indicate; that doctors are so overloaded they can give the average patient only seven minutes a week, and that nurses are "so negligent they did not even bother to wash their hands after examining one patient with a contagious disease before turning to another."

General Hines pointed out that since the war began some 400 Veterans Administration doctors have entered military service.

"So, 400 of our doctors are ac-



—Signal Corps Photo

THICE-DECORATED in January was Capt. Aidan R. Potter, chaplain with the 31st Infantry Division on Morotai, who won the Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart. A Franciscan Friar, Captain Potter formerly was managing editor of the "Franciscan Herald" in Chicago.

tually among the highly qualified medical men who are praised for the services they are giving our troops in the same articles which criticize the Veterans Administration," he said.

Discussing the high death rate charges, Hines said that since his agency was established almost 3,000,000 veterans have been admitted to veterans' facilities.

Challenges Claims

"Many of our patients are old," he said. "They are the fighters of former wars, and they seldom go to a hospital until they are in very bad physical condition. It is not unusual for these oldtimers to die, but I'll challenge anyone to say that the death rate among younger men and particularly veterans of this war is higher in a veterans' facility than it would be in any other hospital in the country."

General Hines said that throughout the United States, since 1931, more than 2,000,000 veterans have been discharged from the Veterans Administration facilities, of which 70 per cent went out as "cured" or "improved"; 8.5 per cent were unimproved, and less than 7 per cent died.

General Hines said that in asking the heads of the three major veterans' organizations to make a full investigation he intended that the facts be made known "without any attempt to embellish or belittle."

"I know, too, that millions of veterans who have been treated in veterans' facilities during the past 20 years will also make their views known."

In view of the forthcoming investigation by the veterans' organizations it is not expected that Congress will take any action on a resolution introduced last week by Congressman Philbin (D., Mass.) for a congressional investigation of what he called "alleged intolerable conditions and irregularities."

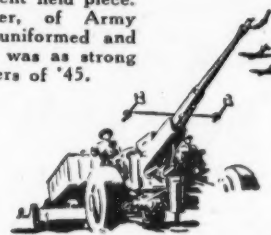
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Candidates Are Sought For Engineer Schools

WASHINGTON.—An urgent need for qualified officer candidates to attend the Engineer Officer Candidate School at Fort Belvoir, Va., was expressed this week by the Training Branch, War Plans Division, Office Chief of Engineers.

While an increasing number of

Engineer enlisted men in the theaters of operation are earning commissions, the number falls far short of meeting the need for Engineer officers. With this it is pointed out that present quotas assigned to the Engineer Officers School are not being met.

Unit commanders who have men qualified for the Engineer OCS are urged to forward applications for such men through channels to the authority authorized to convene an officer candidate examining board.

Leadership and ability to manage men are the most important requirements for the Engineer OC course. An applicant must have had such education or civil or military experience as will reasonably assure his completion of the course and must at least be a high school graduate in a course which included algebra and plane geometry. Special mechanical or engineering knowledge, whether gained through practical experience or in a technical college, will be materially helpful.

Commander are requested to seek out men in their units who would seem to be qualified as potential Engineer officers, and to encourage them to apply for the course.

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"Sec. 2a. (a) Pay and allowances heretofore or hereafter credited to the account of any persons pursuant to section 2 of this act shall be invested by the head of the department concerned, or such person as he may designate, in United States savings bonds, series E, registered in the name of such person. Every bond purchased under this subsection shall remain in the custody of the Secretary of the Treasury until the person in whose name it is registered has returned to the controllable jurisdiction of the department concerned and makes application for possession of such bond. In the event of a finding of death of any person in whose name any such bond is registered, the Secretary of the Treasury shall provide for the proper disposition of such bond as a part of the estate of such person.

"(b) Subsection (a) of this section shall not affect any allotment of pay and allowances of any such person for the support of dependents or for the payment of insurance premiums."

Refuse To Drill, 6 Adventists Are Court-Martialed

WASHINGTON.—Seventh-Day Adventists, who observe Saturday as their Sabbath, are receiving fullest consideration for their religious scruples at Army camps, the War Department has notified Senator Briggs, (D., Mo.), in replying to his request for inquiry into court-martial of six Seventh-Day Adventists at Camp Berkeley, Tex., for refusing to obey an officer's command.

Pointing out that those who observe Sunday as the Sabbath do not get full 24 hours off duty but have to perform guard duty and KP, the War Department said that although no other soldier could have every Sunday off, Adventists regularly had been allowed the full 24-hour period from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday except when they were detailed to guard duty and had to attend guard mount.

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U. S. Chaplain Made Honorary Member Of French Rotary Club

WITH THE U. S. FORCES in France.—At a meeting and banquet in his honor, on Feb. 10, Lt. Col. William T. Brundick, U. S. Army Chaplain of Woodstock, Va., was given an honorary membership in the Rotary Club of Rennes, the first charter membership in the first Rotary Club to be reorganized in France since the German occupation.

Under German rule, all Rotary and similar clubs were dissolved by the Nazis, and the reorganization of the Rennes club probably will be the beginning of other Rotary activity throughout France.

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COMBAT INFANTRYMEN of the First Army approach through a cloud of smoke from a burning building in Merselich, Germany, as they advance toward front lines.

Patton Pins First Honor Medal In Third Army On Heroic Texan

WITH THE 4TH ARMORED DIVISION, in Germany.—The first Medal of Honor to be awarded to a man in the 3d Army has been pinned on the breast of 1st Lt. James H. Fields of Fort Worth, Tex., by Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr.

The "dauntless and gallant heroism" of Lieutenant Fields at Rechicourt, France, after being seriously wounded were largely responsible for the repulse of Nazi forces on Sept. 27 and contributed in a large

measure to capture of his battalion's objective.

The 1st platoon of A Company, 10th Armored Infantry Battalion, which Lieutenant Fields commanded, was sent up Hill 265 to fill a gap left by two platoons, including one heavy weapons platoon, that had been knocked out by savage enemy resistance. Fifty-five men went up the hill and 13 returned almost 24 hours later after using two light machine guns to wipe out a platoon of Jerries supported by artillery and

three Panther tanks.

Lieutenant Fields moved his men up under cover of darkness and assumed a defensive position. They held out all that night and about 1 o'clock the following morning they received their first concentrated attack. They repelled that, and a few minutes later, Fields heard one of his men call for medical aid from a nearby foxhole.

Knowing that no medical aid man was present, and that none was available, Fields went to the aid of the man himself. He arrived just in time to see one of his squad leaders shot through the head. He turned to take a shot at the Nazi marksman, but before he could fire, he was hit.

Fields Badly Wounded

The Jerry bullet ripped through Lieutenant Fields' cheek from left to right, knocked most of his teeth out, cut his tongue and filled his mouth with blood and jaw fragments. Rendered speechless, he refused to leave his platoon and continued to direct fire with hand and arm signals and pencilled notes which he dispatched from one foxhole to the next.

"Only when his objective had been taken and the enemy scattered did he consent to be evacuated to the battalion CP," the War Department citation reads: "At that point he refused to move farther back until he had explained to his battalion commander by drawing on paper the position of his men and the disposition of enemy forces."

This was not the first time that Lieutenant Fields had been conspicuously gallant. During an attack on the city of Troyes, France, in August he deliberately exposed himself to enemy fire again and again in order that the positions of the enemy might be found. He received the Silver Star for this action. He also wears the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

3rd Infantry Work At Colmar Honored

WITH THE 3RD INFANTRY DIVISION, France.—On the heels of receiving the Croix de Guerre with Palm from the French government, the American 3rd Infantry Division has been singled out for commendation by Maj. Gen. F. W. Milburn, commanding the Colmar pocket.

General Milburn's commendation made the receipt of honors unanimous for the 3rd. In addition to the corps commander, the division was praised publicly by Gen. de Latre de Tassigny, CG 1st French Army; Lt. Gen. Jacobs Devers, CG 6th Army Corps; Gen. Charles de Gaulle, and the French War Department.

Bill Mauldin Receives Play In 'Satevepost'

WASHINGTON.—Sgt. Bill Mauldin, whose keen pictorial mind and facile pen was first given national recognition in ARMY TIMES four years ago, received this week his second "big-time play" in less than a month.

Several weeks ago, it was Life

Magazine which carried an article on Bill, and this week it's the Saturday Evening Post which goes all out in playing up the "Up Front" cartoonist.

Mauldin fans—and they number many millions in and out of service—are given a real treat in the article by Frederick C. Panton. Illustrated with a photo of Sergeant Mauldin sketching a doughboy in Italy and reproduction of six typical cartoons depicting some phases of GI Joe's battle life, the article tells of Bill's days in Arizona, his efforts to break into print with his drawings, his joining the Arizona National Guard, which five days later was Federalized and, at 18, finding himself in the Army.

Panton then takes you to Fort Sill, Okla., where Mauldin gained his vast understanding of the line soldier and where the 45th Division News gave birth to "Star Spangled Banter." How Mauldin was contacted within a few weeks by ARMY TIMES, how his weary Joe quickly came to popularity, how the cartoons became syndicated and how fame increased as Mauldin shifted to Camp Berkeley, Tex., Camp Pinedale, N. Y., Camp Pickett, Va., and eventually to the combat front in Italy.

While most of the article is devoted to Mauldin's experience in the Army, there are many intimate details, including his sale of a cartoon to the Daily Oklahoman so he could make down payment on an engagement ring, and a check from ARMY TIMES for \$100 as a down payment on a proposed publication of a book of cartoons—which cash served as a nest-egg for arrival of the stork.

Bill Mauldin's only 23, but he's consorted for years with the soldier's greatest enemies, fear and death, which, Panton says, explains why he's the "idol of the weary, unshaven foot soldier—he understands the sardonic humor of combat troops because he happens to be one of them."

UP FRONT WITH MAULDIN



"If you'll turn my weapons platoon loose, I'll give ya my cooks for security. I'm goin' on th' line tonight."

"Star Spangled Banter," a 48-page book containing 162 Mauldin cartoons, may be obtained for 25c postpaid. Send coin or stamps to Army Times, Washington Daily News Building, Washington 25, D. C.

GI Bill 'Make-Shift', Writer Sees Conflict Unless Revised

WASHINGTON.—The GI Bill of Rights, under careful study, is "becoming obvious as a makeshift piece of business that needs considerable revision in the letter and much more in the spirit to fit it to the needs of veterans," Charles Hurd, New York Times' veterans' editor, believes.

Discussing doubts as to whether the veterans' legislation is an answer to the post-war desires of veterans or political expediency on the part of its sponsors, Hurd declares that there now is "frank admission that the law is faulty, loosely drawn and not realistic."

There is no responsible group either in the Congress or the executive part of the federal government that is trying at this time to correct either the law or the false impressions (of its benefits)," Hurd said.

Job Section Faulty

Hurd referred to false impression given through "ballyhoo" publicity of the insurance and loan provisions of the GI Bill and said that, in addition, the job section of the law

reflects "probably the worst compromise between the political insistence on a statement of job benefits and the realities of an employment program as expressed in the demands by organized labor."

Although the GI Bill grants to veterans of World War II absolute preference in seeking whatever job openings may exist, Hurd foresees possible community conflict because of the loosely drawn provisions which do not clarify several important questions, particularly as respects labor unions.

Community Conflict Seen

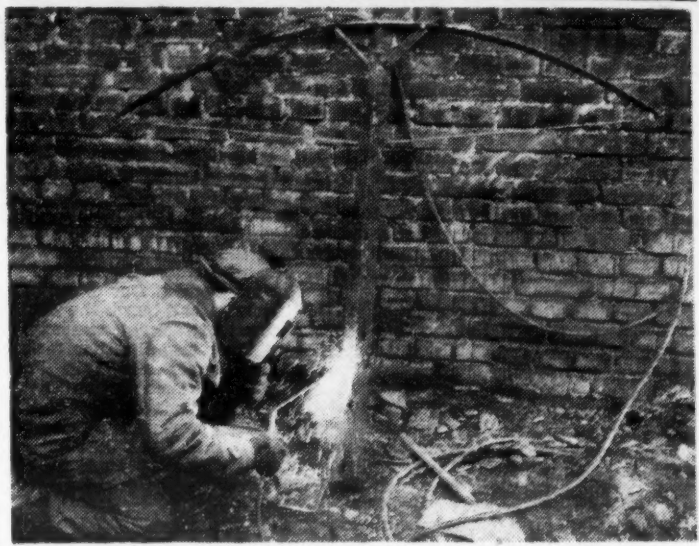
"There will be the period when the question of seniority within unions will leave the discussion stage and become a fact," he said. "The conflict can easily degenerate into community quarreling and conflict of a dangerous sort. Employers who wish to co-operate in veterans' preference and local union committees working with them cannot make substantial plans because the job program is so loosely drawn in the law that neither employers

nor union leaders, let alone veterans, know where they stand."

Hurd asserts that in talks with leading spokesmen of unions he has become convinced of their honest desire to give the younger veterans such opportunities as are possible without sacrificing the privileges unions have built up for their older members. He points out, however, that the stated policy of the two major unions is to write off certain fees and dues for veterans and generally accord them admission to trade or craft unions with initial seniority comparable to the time spent in military service.

"This means, however, that the veteran must first find the opening that makes him eligible for union membership before he can get on the rolls at all," Hurd said.

He declares that in two typical industries in New York veterans' preference is meaningless and that a "pull" is necessary to get a job.



NEWLY-DEvised is this steel bow which hurls grenades much farther than is possible by hand. T/4 Alan J. Hamm, of the 26th Infantry Division, is putting the finishing touches on the device, somewhere on the combat front.

50,000 GIs Attend School In Mediterranean Theater

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, Italy.—If the American soldier isn't "the best informed soldier in the world," as the poster says, it isn't because he isn't trying to learn. In the Mediterranean Theater of Operations, the Armed Force Institute (which is the official name for the GI's correspondence school), has enrolled more than 50,000 soldiers. There are 400 subjects ranging from fourth grade arithmetic to the cultural background of American literature.

Swank Red Cross Club

The combat men who were among the first-nighters at the opening of the Mediterranean Theater's largest American Red

Cross Club are still talking about it. The club, which occupies the lavish 16th century Ruspoli Palace in Rome, has four snack bars, 30 rooms for ping pong, billiards, cards and other games, a shoe shine parlor and even a beauty shoppe for Wacs. One GI on pass from the front complained that he was lost. "They ought to furnish maps to help a guy find his way around," he said. A hostess tapped him on the arm and handed him a map of the club, showing in detail every room.

Veterans Adjust Selves To Study At Universities

NEW YORK. — A survey of 30 representative educational institutions throughout the country has shown that veterans returning to the colleges and universities are adjusting themselves to classrooms with comparatively little difficulty.

Almost every institution reports that the veterans are being given special consideration both in admittance requirements and in the type of program they are permitted to follow. No special problems have been created for college officials and the veterans are said to be holding their own scholastically and in some cases outdoing their civilian classmates.

"Most of the veterans are adjusting themselves to academic life," officials of the University of Michigan reported. "Almost all show a greater seriousness and desire to learn than the average undergraduate student. They are anxious to work, and on the whole are making a better than average record."

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Young, Scrappy General White Now Commands 'Hell On Wheels' Division

WITH THE 2D ARMORED DIVISION. — Brig. Gen. Isaac D. White, who joined the 2d Armored Division as a major July 15, 1940, when the Division was activated, has been in command of "Hell on Wheels" for the past month, SHAEF announces.

General White, who was 44 on March 6, is believed to be the youngest armored division commander in the ground forces.

He assumed command Jan. 19 when Maj. Gen. Ernest N. Harmon was given a higher command.

The wartime military history of General White parallels that of the 2d Armored Division, in which he has previously served as battalion, regimental and combat command commander. He has actively participated in every one of the Division's campaigns in French Morocco, Sicily, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany and the recent "Battle of the Bulge."

In the latter action, it was General White's Combat Command "B"

that trapped and destroyed the bulk of the armor and artillery of the 2nd Panzer Division in a wooded area at Celles, just outside Dinant, on Dec. 26, thereby cutting off the nose of the 5th Panzer Army's near-successful drive to the Meuse.

Earlier, Combat Command "B" of the Division had borne the brunt of the counterattack of massed King Tiger, Tiger and Panther tanks of the 9th Panzer and 15th Panzer Grenadier Divisions when the 2d Armored was spearheading the XIX Corps' drive toward the Roer River between Linnich and Julich.

In this "greatest tank battle of

the Western Front," according to German radio, the two German divisions were finally forced to retreat, losing 69 heavy tanks to the 2d Armored Division in the battle from Nov. 16 to Nov. 22. Most of the fighting took place near Geronsweiler, Germany, which C C "B" took and held until the enemy counterattack had failed.

General White's domestic posts included Fort Des Moines, Ia.; Fort Riley, Kan.; Fort Ethan Allen, Vt., and Fort Knox, Ky. In 1932, he was on duty with the American Gold Star Pilgrimage in Paris.

ETO's To Get Furloughs

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Europe for redeployment or return to their homes."

The redeployment problem, General Somervell said, "is by all odds the most difficult the War Department has yet had to face."

Redeployment Difficult

Emphasizing some of the difficulties, he pointed out that occupation troops in Germany must be supplied; that "millions of tons" of supplies and equipment must be divided between needs of the occupation troops and needs of the Pacific war; that new staging areas and port facilities must be provided and that camps must be reopened and equipped for training of men for the Pacific war.

During this period, production schedules must be increased and adjusted to fit shipping and training schedules, he said, and there will be a general feeling "that the game is in its last inning and war weariness will provoke criticism which will be the result of brittle tempers, understandable impatience and just plain being fed up with the whole business."

General Somervell said that operations of greatly increased scope and magnitude in the Pacific will be required to be assembled "to defeat the fanatically stubborn, close-knit power of the Japanese."

Losses Will Be Heavy

"At best our losses will be heavy," he said.

Production goals for 1945 will be larger than ever, Somervell said, because "we need more heavy guns, ammunition, tanks, more of everything than was expected and more than was used in previous campaigns."

"We need supplies to equip French troops, supplies for the Philippine Army, for the Russian Army, and for the Chinese," he stressed. "The supplies provided our allies are well spent. Their effort is heroic and they need our help."

Achievement Figures

Some of the production and achievement figures revealed by General Somervell were staggering in their total. During 1944, he said,

the ASF increased production by \$2,000,000,000; shipped 50,000,000 tons of supplies overseas; carried 3,000,000 men overseas, 1,000,000 more than in 1943.

"In two months we ship overseas as much tonnage as went to General Pershing in all of World War I," he said. "In one month in Europe we fired as many artillery shells as General Pershing's Army fired in the whole of the other war. Our military railways service reaches across western Europe, Asia and North Africa. Sixteen hundred ships under direction of the Transportation Corps carry men and supplies around the globe."

Since the invasion we have sent 1700 locomotives and 20,000 freight cars to France and 600 more locomotives are on the way.

General Somervell said that there are now some 400 items "in short supply" and "only the utmost production effort will meet our need."

Old Glory Flies Over the Rhine

ON THE RHINE. — More than 2500 soldiers of the 104th, 8th and 1st Infantry and 3d Armored Divisions assembled in the sports stadium at Cologne, participating in a colorful ceremony which raised the Stars and Stripes on the Rhine for the first time since 1922.

While P-47s circled overhead on guard against any possible German sneak raid, Maj. Gen. J. Lawton Collins, divisional generals of his 7th Corps of his 1st Army and their staffs marched into the amphitheater and officially carried out a program marking capture of the Reich's fourth largest city.

New Quiz Program

CAMP PICKETT, Va.—Novel musical question program, "Jiveology Quiz," was given its premiere and went over big, with Sgt. Frank Russo, of CRC, as quizmaster and Hotcha Gardner and his Convalescent Hospital band featured. There were cash and cigarette prizes.



—Signal Corps Photo

NINTH ARMY Signalmen repair wires while standing under a sign painted by Germans as part of a propaganda program in Echt, Holland. Translation: "1918? Never Again!"



—Signal Corps Photo

RAISING OLD GLORY somewhere in France is Cpl. Rowena P. Petric, of Mesa, Ariz., believed to be the first Wac to take part in a flag-raising ceremony on foreign soil. Also taking part in the ceremony is Sgt. Harry R. Hockman, of Phillipsburg, N. J. (center), and Sgt. James A. Barry, Staten Island, N. Y.

Yanks Pour Over Rhine

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to be ready to push across the Rhine in that section.

The U. S. 3rd Army, taking a 15-mile grip on the Rhine's west bank, has 23,000 Nazis in a trap of 100 square miles in the Eifel mountain region. The 3rd is now on a new thrust on a nine-mile front in the Saarburg area, the only sizable salient held by the Germans west of the Rhine.

It was revealed during the week that the U. S. 15th Army, under command of Lt. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow, is now in action on the Western Front.

Reds Move On Berlin

The Russians, who captured besieged Kuestrin, the last German stronghold on the Oder, almost due east of Berlin, on Monday, have 100,000 men over the river. They are thrusting on Berlin from the Oder bridgeheads, in the center of their long line. Having penetrated the main German defenses, they may move on quickly to the capital city.

In the north Red armies are besieging Danzig, Gdynia and Stettin, with 100,000 Nazis caught in pockets around the two Baltic ports. The news from the area indicates that they intend to administer a knock-out punch at the top of the Polish corridor and then swing the armies engaged there southward on Berlin.

The news from Italy suggests that the Germans have given up their plan for withdrawal, which was blocked by widespread air operations, and may make a last-ditch stand in the north.

The American 5th Army has taken Mount Spigolino and held it against several counter-attacks. Allied troops have improved first-line positions along the Pistoia-Bologna highway.

The struggle on Iwo Jima has reached the mopping-up stage, with the Yanks in possession of all but a small section of pockets on the northwest shore.

In the Philippines new landings on Mindanao, second of the islands in size, last week, caught the Japs napping. Zamboanga, the second city, has been captured with its airfield. The occupation is proceeding with little opposition.

In Burma, British-Indian troops have 80 per cent of Mandalay in their hands, with mopping-up op-

erations in process.

In China the Japs have been driven from Suichan, in Kwanshi province, site of a former 14th U. S. Air Force base. The Chinese are pushing on to Kanhhsien, where another 14th base was located. Chinese troops near the Hunan-Kwanshi border are battling for Ichang.

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tic readjustment, but will prevent them from squandering whatever bonus they may receive on discharge."

Avoid Politics

Admiral Standley, now attached to the Office of Strategic Services, wrote that during the last war "political pressure" for discharge of servicemen became "very heavy" and that this "upset the order of discharge, and resulted in discontent all down the line, usually causing displaced boys to write home about it, and then would come home special-order discharges. Because of this, many youngsters left the service with feelings of disgust and bitterness."

The admiral said all this could be avoided by granting the overseas men a month's leave "immediately after their services can be spared—a month's leave to go home in uniform, and with full pay, to see their wives, their children, their mothers and their sweethearts."

Paid Leave Urged

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supreme Allied commander in the Mediterranean, while General Spaatz is commander of the U. S. Strategic Air Force in Europe and has directed the air assault on Europe since July, 1942.

General Devers commands the 6th Army Group, which is pushing the Germans into the Saar. This includes the 7th and 1st French Army.

General Handy is deputy chief of staff in Washington and previously directed important operations on all fronts as assistant chief-of-staff, operations division, General Staff.

Army Quiz

1. Gen. Douglas MacArthur announces that civil government in the Philippines has been restored. Do you know what the political status of the Philippines is?

- A. A monarchy?
- B. A republic?
- C. A dependency?

2. Recently a new "Shooting Star" has been seen in the skies over the United States. Can you describe it and tell its significance?

3. Since the Yalta conference several neutral and non-belligerent countries declared war on the Axis to become eligible for places at the coming Peace conference. Do you know which of the following are not at war with the Axis: Egypt, Ethiopia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey?

4. The American 3rd Army two weeks ago captured Germany's oldest city. Would you say it is—

- A. Cologne?
- B. Dusseldorf?
- C. Trier?

5. In his report to Congress on his return from the "Big Three" conference President Roosevelt noted, incidentally: "The Roosevelts are not...averse to travel." As a matter of curiosity which would you think has travelled more in the past 12 years?

- A. The President?
- B. Mrs. Roosevelt?

6. What would you say was the average age of the men of the crews of the B-29s now bombing Japan from Saipan and Tinian bases?

- A. 28?
- B. 20?
- C. 18?

7. The American Red Cross began its drive for \$200,000,000 on March 2. Was the Red Cross founded by—

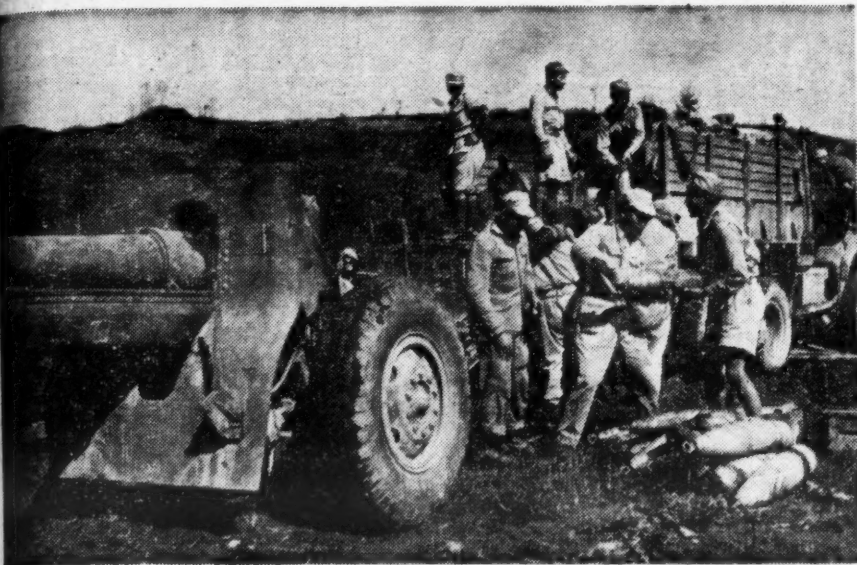
- A. George Washington?
- B. Clara Barton?
- C. President U. S. Grant?

8. A comparison of the new American and British jet planes was possible from details announced by both air forces last week. Do you know the outstanding point of difference in the two planes?

9. Teams of Eskimo Husky dogs were recently flown to the European front. Can you tell what they are to be used for?

10. Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's 3rd Army troops made a spectacular drive into Germany last week, "surpassing anything seen in France," from Bittburg to somewhere near the Rhine. Do you know how far they travelled in a 2-day drive?

(See "Quiz Answers," page 19)



—Signal Corps Photos

AMERICAN-TRAINED CHINESE TROOPS work like Trojans in support of the new Allied drive on the Jap-held town of Lashio, key supply point and southern terminus of the Burma Road. At the left, an American tractor drags a truck and heavy artillery of the Chinese Army through swollen streams in order to by-pass demolished bridges along a newly-won section of the Burma Road. At right, Chinese troops bring up heavy artillery and munitions in support of the Allied drive.

Arts And Crafts Program Brings Cheer To Patients

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—Weariness of mind is not allowed in Army hospitals, because through efforts of the Red Cross and their sisters-in-service, the Grey Ladies, hospital programs for soldier entertainment are carefully planned to fill the otherwise "long" hours. One of the most popular of these is the Arts and Crafts program, wherein a trained technician in Arts and Crafts helps the men organize their enterprises in that field.

At the Station Hospital, where Grey Ladies and Red Cross workers

are particularly active, an extremely complete craft shop has been furnished for the patients. Included are complete tool chests for the carpentry necessary in setting up woodwork. When metal is available, bracelets and rings are carefully fashioned. Plastics are furnished from which an endless chain of articles are made including picture frames, book ends, jewelry, and many other useful and decorative items. The ingenuity of the soldier, suggestions of the supervisor, or the pattern someone has established all add to this chain of articles turned out during busy hours that are unstrained and genial. Everything from bird houses with bright coats of paint to cigarette lighters with high polish provided by the rotar brushes are devised readily at the hands of soldier patients.

For those who are confined to their ward or bed, the Grey Ladies trundle an Arts and Crafts cart bearing materials that will interest the patients and fire their imaginations into providing thoughtful work for capable hands. Basket-weaving, dog tag chains of plastic strands, and finger-paints provide the men with possibilities of activity. These things are not merely a form of entertainment; they revive tissues wasting from inactivity and give a poise to injured muscles of fingers and hands—sometimes a nimbleness that the patient did not have before.

Normandy Beachhead Commander Praises Johnston Training

CAMP GORDON JOHNSTON, Fla.—Col. T. L. Mulligan, former Camp Gordon Johnston deputy commander, who commanded the 6th Engineer Special Brigade on the Normandy beachhead, stressed the importance of training amphibious soldiers in a visit here recently.

"Never for one minute should men here lose sight of the importance of their work—that every phase of the work of this training center is important," said Colonel Mulligan.

Army's New T-26 Tank Powered By Ford V-8 Engine

DEARBORN, Mich.—An improved model of the Ford V-8 tank engine powers the T-26 tank, called the General Pershing, recently described by Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson as "the answer to the German Tiger tank."

The new model Ford engine is even more compact than its predecessors, nearly 20,000 of which have been built for the armed forces.

The 8-cylinder liquid-cooled engine develops 500 horsepower.

Outstanding features of the Ford tank engines—designated as standard equipment on the General Sherman tank by Army Ordnance—is its dependability, ease of maintenance and ruggedness under all kinds of conditions. They have performed with distinction on all fighting fronts.

Yanks Swim Snow-Choked River In View Of Nazis

WITH THE 78TH DIVISION, in

Germany.—Thirty-two men swam the snow-choked, swirling Roer River and took Dedenborn in a four-hour daylight assault. There were 30 of them when they started for the objective. Only 30 men and two officers completed the mission.

Dedenborn is situated atop a cliff overlooking the Roer. After crossing the river, there still remained the problem of climbing the steep embankment before coming to grips with the Nazi defenders.

From the moment the attackers entered the water they were within full view of the Germans. Men were shot and their bodies floated downstream. Equipment was lost. The Nazis threw everything they had in a vain attempt to smash the

attack. Lt. Johnnie Krofchick, of Newnan, Ga., who had recently won a battlefield commission plus the Bronze Star, and Lt. Martin Shedd, of Wakefield, Mass., gathered their men about them as they reached the bank.

Only 25 of the attackers were armed with BARs or rifles. The others had hand grenades or trench knives. Barrels of BARs became almost white-hot as clip after clip of ammunition was poured into Dedenborn. They made plenty of noise besides, yelling like Apache Indians as they infiltrated the town.

"They must have thought there was a couple of regiments coming," said Lieutenant Krofchick. "If the Jerries had known just how many there were of us, they could easily have counterattacked, and we'd have been hurt. But we all went in shooting, and drove them out."

It was estimated that a battalion of Nazis had been defending the town.

First American Cemetery Is At Normandy Beach

WASHINGTON.—Site of the first American cemetery in France in the present war is a sandy plot of ground on part of the Normandy coast known as Omaha Beach, the War Department has revealed.

The men who fell during the first hours of the invasion were buried there in sand graves during the night of D-Day plus one. The plot is marked only by a sign that reads: "First American Cemetery in France—World War II."

After the enemy had been driven inland, the dead were moved to burial grounds on a hill above the beach where they will remain until the end of the war. The present cemetery is laid out along the lines of Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va., and is carefully tended by a Quartermaster maintenance crew. Unlike the first hasty burial, the second interment was conducted with full military honors.

Ford Plant Turns Out 8000th B-24

DETROIT.—The 8000th B-24 bomber plane produced at the Willow Run plant of the Ford Motor Company came off the assembly line this week.

The plant currently is being converted for manufacture of a revised version of the B-24 without interruption to production of the present model.

War Pix Brighter, Canol Project To Be Discontinued

WASHINGTON.—Operation of that part of the Canol Project embracing production of petroleum at Norman Wells, Canada; the crude oil pipeline from Norman Wells to Whitehorse and the refinery at Whitehorse will be discontinued by June 30, the War Department announced.

The decision was reached because of the anticipated improvement of the tanker situation, as well as the greatly improved military position of the Alaskan area supplied by the refinery, in the light of American progress in the Pacific War.

Several hundred experienced refinery men are expected to be released for employment in domestic refineries as a result of the closing action.

The Canol Project was initiated in the spring of 1942 when Alaska was threatened by the Japanese; oil tankers were being sunk in great numbers and the sea route to Alaska was insecure.

Tired Yanks

WITH THE 4TH ARMORED DIVISION.—"A completely exhausted American Army stands on the threshold of Germany," an arrogant Nazi officer told an Intelligence officer after his capture. He was one of 200 Germans taken by 47 of the "completely exhausted" Yanks.

Hot Shrapnel Turns Abandoned Carbine Into 'Ghost' Sniper

WITH THE 8TH INFANTRY DIVISION, in Germany.—1st Lt. Paul J. Ayotte, of Houlton, Me., and forward observer of the 45th Field Artillery Battalion vouches for this story.

Two doughs of "F" Company, 28th Infantry Regiment, were up as far front as possible without being in Jerryland. Suddenly mortars came in and both took off for their holes, one leaving his carbine hanging on the limb of a tree.

The shells were close, but the men were under cover, so no one got hurt. Finally the shelling stopped and one of the GIs stuck his head up out of the hole. "Ping"—

went a bullet from his own carbine.

He stuck his head up again and the same thing happened. A bullet whizzed past him. Then he reached for the phone and called the Company CP.

"Some Jerry is sniping at me with my own carbine," he wailed.

"Well, go out and get him," came the answer.

So a third time he stuck his head up and was rewarded by hot lead. But this time he and his buddy kept on coming, grenades in hand. And there was the carbine, still hanging on the tree. But—a piece of red hot shrapnel had wedged in the magazine with just enough heat to set off the three rounds!



—AAF Photo

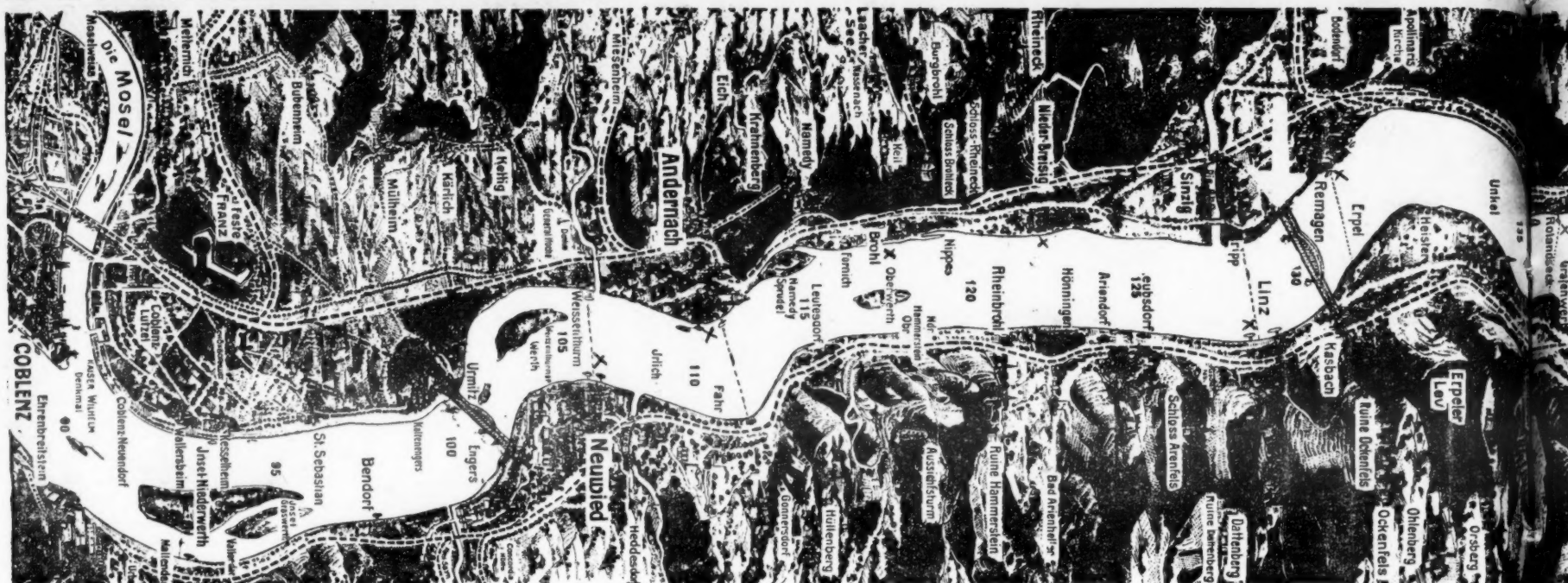
WAC MERMAIDS are having a delightful time at the new swimming pool at Drew Field, Fla. These Army beauties are (left to right) Sgt. Adelaide Lockhart, Cpl. Dorothy Fregia, Sgt. Lora Taylor, Jr., and Pfc. Frances Swift.

Berlin Straight Ahead

WITH THE 9TH ARMORED DIVISION, on the Western Front.—Three Nazi officers directed a Yank column to Bastogne with all the assurances of traffic patrolmen.

Leading his column in blackout, and uncertain of the roads, Lt. Herbert C. Pulsifer, Sanford, Me., stopped near Longvilly to check his route.

He could see a faint light in a house. With Sgt. John F. Mauthe, Lepton, Wis., Lieutenant Pulsifer banged on the shutters and in French asked the directions to Bastogne. The information came back in French. The two 2nd Tank Battalion men stepped into the house to thank their informants. There sat three Nazi officers. "We were all surprised as hell," said Lieutenant Pulsifer, "Who wouldn't be? They had pistols in their hands and we had no weapons. I just slammed the door and we took off! By the way, those directions were right."



THIS MAP SHOWS THE RHINE and the topography of its valley between Köln, at the extreme left, and Coblenz, at the extreme right. All the bridges are shown.

Mortally Wounded But Keeps On Fighting; Awarded Honor Medal

WITH THE 5TH ARMY, Italy.—S/Sgt. George D. Keathley, of Lamesa, Tex., guide of the 1st Platoon of Co. B, 338th Inf. Regt., 85th Custer Division, who continued to fight and to lead all survivors in his company for 15 minutes after he had been mortally wounded, recently was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously.

Fifty yards short of B Company's objective on the ridge of Mt. Altuzzo, where it had been stopped by intense fire of German mortars, automatic weapons and snipers, the 2nd and 3rd Platoons had been reduced to 20 men, without an officer to lead them.

Crawling from casualty to casualty, giving first aid to the living, Keathley collected ammunition to replenish meager supplies. He then distributed it among his active men, preparing each for the imminent fourth counterthrust.

Germans, two companies in strength, attacked from the front and both flanks at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Closing in under a heavy curtain of mortar fire, they brought into effective play a preponderance of automatic fire and potato-masher hand grenades.

Nazis Driven Back

Fighting with feverish determination, under Keathley's leadership, the defenders repeatedly drove back the Germans with heavy casualties.

Then a potato-masher exploded in front of Keathley, fatally wounding him in the stomach. Keathley immediately rose from the ground, fired and killed a German. He continued for 15 minutes to shout orders and to fire his rifle effectively. Inspired by this, his men fought with unwonted determination, holding off the enemy until friendly artillery found the range. The Germans drew off, leaving great numbers of dead and seriously wounded.

Keathley died a few minutes later.

Camp Campbell Issues Swank Souvenir Booklet

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—A souvenir of this post which will be a delight to every man and officer who spent any time here, comes in the form of a swank picture publication which is a credit to its planners, the camp's public relations office.

With the exception of a brief foreword and a note with the frontispiece, a portrait of Gen. William Bowen Campbell, after whom the camp was named, the brochure, 8 by 12 inches in size, presents its "story" in excellent fine-screen halftones, with a head thrown in here and there in contrasting color to point up the picture groups.

in the arms of S/Sgt. Charles J. Dozier, Frost Proof, Fla.

"Please write my wife a letter," he told Dozier, "and tell her I love her and I did everything I could for her and my country."

"So long, Dozier. Give 'em hell

Impatient Nazis

WITH THE 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION, on the Western Front.—Lt. Dick McConnell, of Utica, N. Y., and Company F, 12th Infantry Regiment, expected some artillery fire in the new position, so he ordered his men to dig in quickly. As he started digging a hole for himself, he noticed all the men were busy digging except two who were nonchalantly leaning against a tree near him.

"I thought I told you guys to dig in," said Lieutenant McConnell, stepping over to them. Then he noticed their German uniforms.

One of them saluted smartly and answered in English: "Sir, we are your prisoners; we have been waiting for you all the morning."

for me. I'm done for."

"Had it not been for his indomitable courage and incomparable heroism," the official citation stated, "the remnants of the three rifle platoons of Company B might well have been annihilated by the overwhelming enemy attacking force. His actions reflect only the highest credit upon himself and the military service."

Keathley is the second member of the 338th Regiment to receive the Medal of Honor. The same honor was earlier accorded to 1st Lt. Orville E. Block, Streeter, N. D.

GI's With Similar Names Follow Parallel Careers

WITH THE 44TH INFANTRY DIVISION OF THE 7TH ARMY, in France.—Two men from Palisade Park, N. J., who came into service the same day, received serial numbers a single number apart, took

Alsations Turn In Nazis For Two Cigarettes Each

By RUSS BAIRD

WITH THE 14TH ARMORED DIVISION OF THE 7TH ARMY, in France.—Schickelgruber's ego would be hurt no end if he knew that Alsatian civilians valued his Square-heads at only two cigarettes per head.

A light tank crew of the 48th Tank Battalion recently garnered 25 PW's with a total expenditure of approximately two and one-half packs of fags.

Here's how they did it:

Pfc. Martin Fogel, Haverhill, Mass., had mastered his guide book German, and made a deal with civilians during a recent attack—

offering them two cigarettes for each Kraut they would bring to the Americans.

Fogel would give five or six cologne bottles to one of the Alsations, and in a few minutes the rest of the crew would run herd in another trio of Kraut PW's.

The bartering continued until the purchases for the tankers totaled 25.

Lightweight Artificial Leg Will Be Provided To Amputees By Army

WASHINGTON.—An improved artificial leg, making use of light metals, plastics or fiber will shortly be made available to amputees of the Army, the War Department announces.

The new prosthesis is the result of study and recommendations made by the National Research Council, National Bureau of Standards, artificial limb manufacturers, scientists, Army and Navy surgeons and the Veterans' Administration, and will be standardized for use by the Army. It provides the best innovations and improvements of the custom-built leg now in use and the important factors studied were interchangeability of parts, light weight, quality and strength of materials.

A cast aluminum knee joint for above the knee legs, consisting of knee block and shin section and a cast aluminum ankle assembly, consisting of shin and foot sections have been adopted. Both are to be produced in quantity as soon as the necessary modifications can be made for bonding to metal, plastic or fiber.

Proving Ground Now Analyzing Equipment Captured From Japs

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md.—One hundred and fifty tons of Japanese equipment, captured in the Philippines, were shipped to the United States and are now being examined and tested at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

This enemy materiel was collected on Philippine battlefields by eight Army Ordnance members of an Army Service Enemy Equipment Service team attached to the American 6th Army.

Prize items included unused eight-inch rockets, a 2000-pound bomb, seven uncrated 120mm. dual-purpose field guns and ammunition, a 17-ton tank, and two 10-ton prime movers.

Maj. Gen. C. T. Harris, Jr., Commanding General of Aberdeen, said today that a report received from Ordnance Headquarters in Washington showed that the American

24-Hour Service

WITH THE TRANSPORTATION CORPS, in France.—At railway stations in Paris, 90 GI railroaders work 24 hours a day, seven days a week maintaining U. S. Army hospital trains. They have converted third-class French passenger cars into six modern hospital trains.

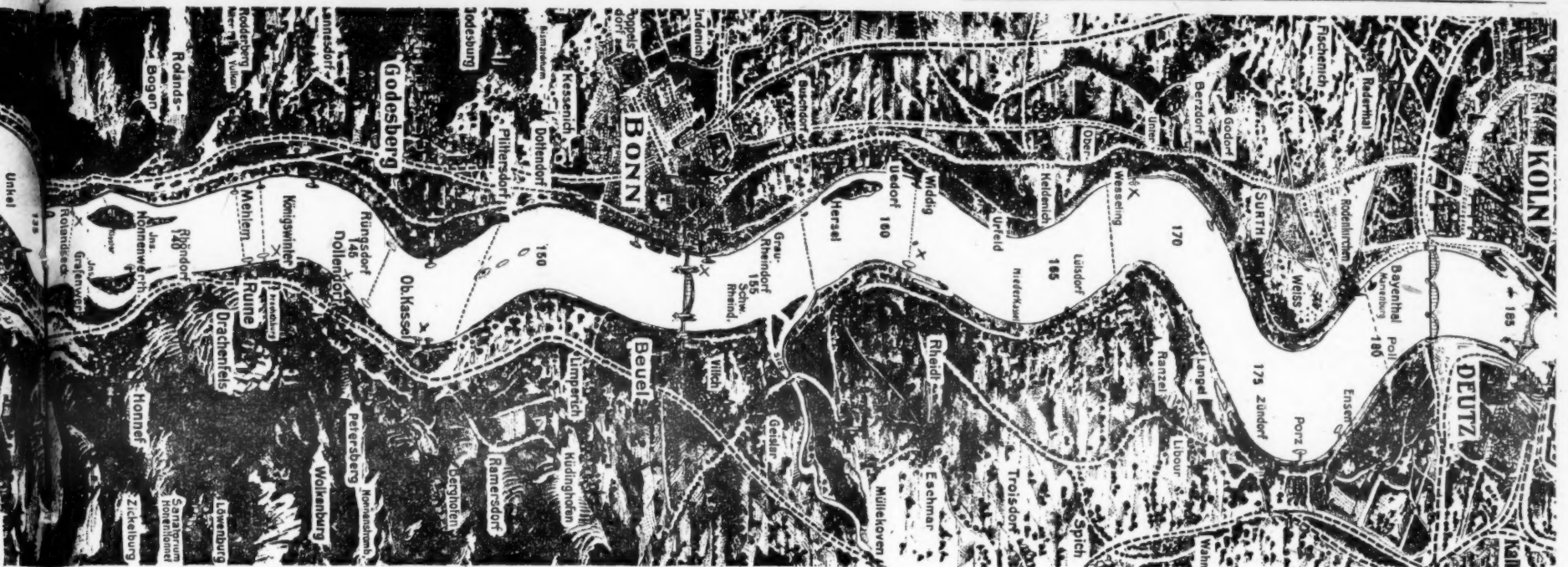
GI Warren G

CAMP CROFT, S. C.—There's a trainee, Pvt. Warren G. Harding, serving with the 36th Infantry training battalion.



—Signal Corps Photo

PISTOL SLUNG AT HIP, Lt. Gen. Dan I. Sultan, commanding general, India-Burma theater, rides a sure-footed pack mule over steep jungle trails during his front line visit to the Mars Task Force along the Burma Road.



are showing the one at Remagen (see arrow) over which our Army made its historic crossing. (Published by courtesy of The Washington Daily News, Washington, D. C.)

Top Kick Finds Expected Relief Is Heinie Patrol

WITH THE 99TH DIVISION, on the Western Front. — Sometimes even a first sergeant can be too inquisitive.

First Sgt. George H. Jenkins, Smithfield, Pa., top kick of Company A, 393d Infantry, found this out during one of the German attacks in the Battle of the Bulge.

This particular attack struck squarely and suddenly at the sergeant's regiment, and his company was counterattacking to retake a portion of the line that had given way.

That night the company dug in to hold the ground it had taken. Germans were everywhere and darkness was inky-black in the heavily-wooded area. Company A was hoping help would come—and soon.

Sergeant Jenkins spotted the dim

figures of men marching down a road near his CP. Feeling much relieved, he walked over towards them.

"Who's there?" he asked in a low voice. The men kept marching by. Jenkins moved closer and tapped one of them on the shoulder.

"What outfit you from, Bud?" he queried. There was a startled exclamation in German, and Jenkins awoke to the realization that he was talking, not to a reinforcing company, but to a large Heinie patrol!

The Jerries were as surprised as the first sergeant, but he recovered first—and in no time at all he had dropped back into the bushes and was hightailing it for the Command Post to tell his men they had some more fighting on their hands.

GLs Find Half-Million Dollar Jap Silver Loot; Can't Take Souvenirs

WITH THE 33RD DIVISION, in the Philippines.—"There I stood, knee-deep in money. I had to pinch myself to see if it was really me."

That was the feeling of Pfc. Lewis Zerillo, of Astoria, Long Island, N. Y., a former coffee salesman, when he found some half-million dollars in silver coins, loot of the Japs in the Philippines, buried alongside of the highway one mile north of the burned town of Rosario.

The money, all in silver and buried by the fleeing Japs, was partly uncovered by an exploding artillery shell. It was believed to have been taken by the invaders from the vaults of the Philippine banks.

Four army trucks were required to haul the wealth of silver coins away, its weight being estimated at six tons. Although bales of Jap invasion money had been captured, this was the first honest-to-goodness money recovered during the Philippine campaign.

Private Zerillo, First Scout of Company C of the 130th Infantry, was leading his patrol as they pushed the Japs northward from Rosario, when he stumbled on the cache. "I'd often dreamed of finding a pirate's chest filled with gold and silver, but I never thought it would actually happen," he said.

"Just think, scattered around was what looked like all the money in the world and I couldn't take a cent of it," moaned the scout's squad leader, S/Sgt. Matilo Alverado, Mountain View, Calif., who was right on the heels of the scout. "What a time I could have in Manila with just a little bit of it."

Capt. Patrick Kelly, an Irishman from Tacoma, Wash., was commanding the patrol and the way he went on with his business killing the Japs one would think finding \$500,000 was all in a day's work. "When I came up, I saw the money lying all around. But we had a mission to perform and since we were under Jap fire, pushed on and attained our objective," Capt. Kelly explained. "It was late in the afternoon and since the Jap night patrols had a nasty habit of slip-

ping into this section, I couldn't put a guard on it. Although we saw considerable money scattered around we never dreamed it was that much. Not wanting to start a coin rush and get somebody killed I cautioned my men to say nothing about it.

"Early the next morning I went back to the spot to investigate. As we moved the bags of coins, we uncovered other bags and realized we had really hit the jackpot."

The heavy artillery shell had scored a direct hit on the cache raining coins over the landscape. The heat of the blast ignited the sack and much of the money was melted or fused together with silver nuggets, the size of a man's head lying around. Some charred bills were found but the bulk of the money was silver which the Japs had seemed to prefer knowing that

it would always be good.

Most of the coins were Philippine issue although some American and Chinese money was also found. Coin wrappers lying around were from the Baguio Branch of the Bank of Formosa, the Bank of the Philippines, the National Bank of China and the Bank of Taikawn.

Lt. Bernard Donahoe, of Dowagiac, Mich., in charge of Division CIC, was summoned to take over the collecting and safe removal of the money making sure that not a single "souvenir" was taken. Ten Filipinos, many of whom had volunteered to "work for nothing," labored two days in getting the coins collected and shoveled on the trucks.

Under heavy MP guard, the money was taken to I Corps headquarters and was turned over to the corps finance officer.

Fete Cabanatuan Heroes With Parade And Steaks

SAN FRANCISCO.—The heroes of Cabanatuan—272 prisoners liberated from the Japs—motored through a barrage of ticker tape and confetti here Tuesday in an official welcome that left the survivors of three years of Jap torture dazed.

It was probably the only military procession in history without a single soldier with the rank of private. All 272 were promoted a rank, and three of the soldiers were made full colonels. All were dressed in new uniforms.

The celebration included presentation of gold welcome medals, prayers for deliverance by Rangers and guerrillas and a hotel banquet that included a T-bone steak.

"Remember those 10 kilometers through Manila?" Cpl. John Bailey, of Pittsburgh, asked a companion as they rode through the cheering and flag-waving throngs.

"If this is a dream, what a

dream!" answered Cpl. Al Jolley, of San Francisco.

At the hotel the steaks caused the eyes of the liberated heroes to pop.

"Boy, if 'Air Raid' and 'Small Speedo' could see this," exclaimed Cpl. Carl Carlson, of New York City. He referred to two of Cabanatuan's most brutal guards, who now rest, he hopes, "with their feet toward Tokyo."

'That Guy Patton' There As Hell Pops; Does Medic Job

CAMP CARSON, Colo.—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, commanding general, 3d Army, was a front-line legend to Sgt. Carroll Jewell, now convalescing at the Army Service Forces Convalescent Hospital, until "Blood and Guts" personally helped to save his life during the 3d Army breakthrough in France last summer.

Jewell had heard much about General Patton's habit of being in the thick of things all the time, but he had never seen him in action until one day when:

"It was last August 10th," said Jewell. "I was the only ranking non-com left, and all but three of our tanks were hit."

A German machine gun bullet caught the sergeant in the shoulder, knocking him from his tank, and

three men came running to his aid.

"There was no feeling in my right arm," continued Jewell. "I thought that I had lost it, and I asked one of the medics about it."

The third man bent down and eased his arm from behind him where it had twisted in the fall.

"Here is your arm, soldier," he said, moving it before Jewell's eyes so he could see it.

Then Sergeant Jewell recognized the third man. He was General Patton.

"He pitched right in as though he were a medic and applied pressure to an artery to halt bleeding," said Jewell. "I think that I may owe my life to him. He had my head on his knee while he was applying the pressure and the medics were bandaging my shoulder."

Jewell was then helped to his feet and the general escorted him to a jeep that was to take him to an aid station.

"He patted me on my good shoulder and told me, 'Don't worry, soldier, you'll come out all right,'" Jewell said. "That's what I like about that guy. He was right up there with us all the time while hell was popping."

Takes Oath 3 Months After Being Promoted

LAWSON GENERAL HOSPITAL, Ga.—Wounded the day after he was granted a battlefield commission, Robert G. Masse, of the 328th Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Division, took the oath of office this week, three months after Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, in Germany, approved his promotion from technical sergeant to second lieutenant.

Jap Dog Puts Eight Nips On Spot

WITH THE 96TH DIVISION, in the Philippines.—A new addition to stories about shaggy dogs was being told by Pfc. John J. Houghton, Mattawan, Mich., a doughboy in the 96th "Deadeye" Division. The dog put eight Japs on the spot.

While the infantryman was scouting ahead of a patrol on the island of Leyte, he saw the old shaggy dog. Said Houghton, "Somehow I figured it was a Jap dog. Maybe

it was because its tail was drooping. Anyway I followed it. It led me to a spot where I could plainly hear Japs chattering like a bunch of monkeys.

"I went back and brought up the rest of the patrol. There were seven Nips sitting around gabbing away. We opened fire, killing five of them. Two managed to get away. Two of the Japs killed were officers and carried valuable Samurai swords."

Theater Wac Staff Director In Italy Is Made Lieut. Col.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, Italy.—Maj. Dorothea A. Coleman, Kankakee, Ill., overseas for 18 months and Theater Wac Staff Director since Sept. 1, 1944, has been promoted to lieutenant colonel. Prior to her present assignment, she was Air Wac Director for the Mediterranean Theater.

As Theater Wac Staff Director, Colonel Coleman is responsible for the policies, training, and welfare of approximately 1800 Wacs in Italy. The Mediterranean Theater was the area to which Wacs were first sent for foreign duty and is the oldest Wac overseas theater.

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Army Ground Forces News

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY GROUND FORCES.—Col. Harold T. Brotherton, FA, was at this headquarters for several days last week for conference purposes following a tour of duty in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations as Field Artillery member of the Army Ground Forces Board.

The colonel, member of the staff and faculty of the Field Artillery School, Ft. Sill, Okla., reported that the German artilleryman is still a formidable foe but is being gradually beaten by superior American guns. German mobile artillery has now changed tactics in that they counterbattery and change positions

12 Rangers Here To Tell Workers Of Raid On Japs

WASHINGTON.—Twelve veterans who took part in the liberation of 513 Allied captives from the Cabanatuan Stockade on Luzon have returned to the United States to tell war workers what the Armed Forces desperately need in the Pacific war. The two officers and ten enlisted men in the group were chosen from 121 Rangers and Alamo Scouts who made the daring raid behind enemy lines, together with 280 Filipino guerrillas, and wiped out the entire Japanese garrison guarding the prisoners.

They will be divided into three groups of four men each and, during the next few weeks, will speak at war plants throughout the country, telling of their experiences with the Japs during the many months in the Pacific.

Federal Agencies Want War Service Job Applications

WASHINGTON.—The Civil Service Commission is seeking telephone operators for war service positions in Washington at salaries ranging from \$1560 to \$1752 a year including overtime pay. Applicants must live within a 50-mile radius of Washington.

The commission is also seeking numeric card-punch operators at \$1560 per year and is accepting applications for war service positions as brickmason, carpenter, electrician, painter, pipefitter, plasterer, plumber, sheet-metal worker, steamfitter, stone-mason and tile setter at \$2260.

Full information may be obtained from first- or second-class post-offices within 50 miles of Washington or from the commission's information offices, 801 E. Street N. W.

Army's Salvage Mounts Up
WASHINGTON.—The Army salvaged enough tin cans in this country during 1944 to supply 150,000 Infantrymen with combat ration cans for a year. The total reclaimed equaled 42,490 gross tons.

For every soldier in this country during 1944, the Army salvaged nine pounds of grease and 197 pounds of waste paper.

Ivy Division

WITH THE 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION.—The announcement that Brig. Gen. Harold W. Blakley is commanding general of this division has been made by headquarters.

Nazi Answers \$64 Question

By S/Sgt. WILLIAM D. LESHON WITH THE 79TH DIVISION OF THE 7TH ARMY, in France.—Manning a machine gun in the bitter village fighting in Alsace is firing business, Sgt. Floyd Best, Co. K, 315th Inf. Regt., can tell you.

Sergeant Best commanded a street in this particular town with his gun. He had been firing all day, and as twilight closed in, Best

frequently, never remaining a set target long for accurate Yankee Artillerymen.

A veteran of 29 months' service in Ireland, England, Africa and Italy, Capt. John L. Fallon, FA, has been assigned to the Ground Requirements Section of AGF headquarters.

HEADQUARTERS, FIELD ARTILLERY SCHOOL.—Col. Benjamin B. Lattimore, formerly Executive Officer of the Field Artillery Replacement Training center here, has been transferred to the Field Artillery School and appointed Commanding Officer of FAS detachment. Col. Hugh P. Adams, who had been Commanding Officer of the detachment, is now in the Department of Combined Arms.

Other changes announced recently include the appointment of Col. Edward M. Edmonson as head of the Training Literature and Visual Aids Unit under the S-3 section, and of Lt. Col. Roy F. Barker as Commanding Officer of Officer Candidate Headquarters.

Officers assigned as members of the staff and faculty include: Lt. Col. Willis T. Ellis, Maj. Don H. Van Dam, Maj. James S. Thornton, Capt. V. D. Carr and 1st Lt. Marvin F. Clarke, Department of Combined Arms; Maj. Francis G. Kells, Department of Gunnery; Capt. Victor O. Kohler, Department of Materiel; and Maj. Crawford E. Grenard and 1st Lt. Henry A. Olson, Department of Motors.

The reorganization of school troops has been announced. Training detachments have been formed, replacing tactical units attached to the school to serve as troops for firing and instructional purposes.

Brig. Gen. George H. Paine, pre-

viously Commanding General of the 31st Field Artillery Brigade, has been named Commanding General.

The Field Artillery Training detachments have been organized so the units will be able to employ any of the Field Artillery weapons desired for particular demonstrations or school problems.

Col. James E. Samounce, former Executive Officer of the 31st Brigade, has been named Executive Officer of the School Troops. Detachments organized and the commanding officers follow:

FATng. Det. No. 1, Lt. Col. George V. Sampson.

FATng. Det. No. 2, Lt. Col. Sterling B. Howard.

FATng. Det. No. 3, Lt. Col. Lawrence P. Lang.

FATng. Det. No. 4, Maj. Frank B. McMullin.

FATng. Det. No. 5, Maj. Leo V. Tockstein.

Inf. Tng. Det., Lt. Col. O. H. Gibson.

FAObs. Ing. Det., Capt. Jack Harding.

FA. Motor Pool Det., Maj. Francis J. Raymond.

HEADQUARTERS, ARMORED REPLACEMENT TRAINING CENTER.—The ARTC graduated its 150,000th trainee recently and sent him off to join his tanker comrades in their intensifying battles against the Axis.

Pvt. Howard Hall, trainee in Company C, 11th Battalion of the ARTC, recently rang up an all-time high mark for the ARTC with the M-1 rifle. He scored 206 out of a possible 210 in firing the rifle qualification course on the Forest Hill Range.

GIs Live In King's Palace And Swim In Royal Pool

CAMP CARSON, Colo.—Helping to install 3000 telephones in King Victor Emmanuel's palace in Caserta, Italy, was just one of the many jobs that Sgt. Richard E. Dittman did as a member of an overseas signal construction battalion. The sergeant, who is now stationed at the Army Service Forces Convalescent Hospital at Camp Carson, Colo., was given this job when the Allied Forces headquarters took over the palace.

"The telephone exchange in Caserta had been destroyed by the Germans when they left," explained Dittman. "We had to get all of our equipment sent in from the states before we could set up an exchange in the palace."

All of the valuable paintings in the palace were removed and the gold encrusted throne was carried to a place of storage by order of Allied headquarters.

"All of the rooms were made into

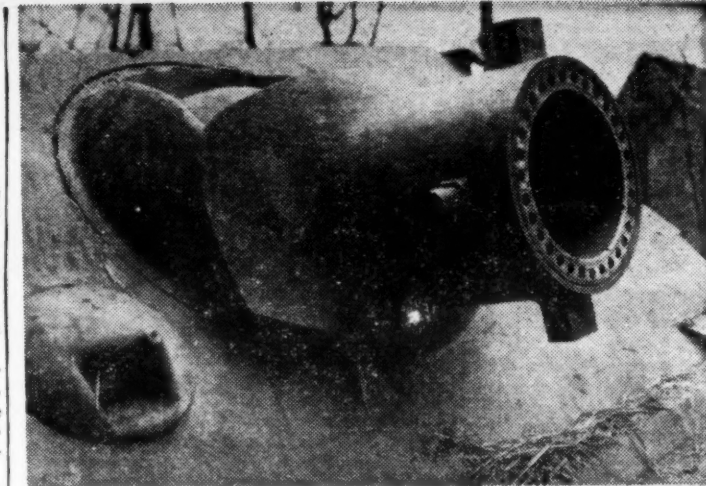
offices and message centers," Dittman continued. "The British and American headquarters were right together, and they worked in close harmony. Some of the telephone lines led directly to the front."

Signal Corps soldiers swam in the royal pool behind the palace, and the quarters of General Wilson and his staff were but a short distance from the pool.

Fort Sill Sarge Disappointed; Wanted Sixth Trip Into Japan

FORT SILL, Okla.—Ten campaign ribbons and an armful of hash marks and stripes lead Fort Sill soldiers to believe that Sgt. William C. Belcher, a small arms instructor in the Field Artillery School here, is one of the most decorated enlisted men in the Army.

Sergeant Belcher is a veteran of 29 years in the service. He enlisted at the age of 15 and has been in both wars. He was wounded twice in the last war and once in World War II. He has served in Mexico,



—Signal Corps Photo

NAZI MONSTER is this self-propelled 380-mm. mortar or howitzer, taken by the Ninth Army in Oberembt, Germany. Mounted on a modified Mark VI (Royal) Tiger chassis, the mortar barrel is 7 feet long and is rifled; base of the shell 15 inches in diameter, 5 feet long, and weighs 770 pounds. Shell is projected by propelling charge inside the shell and has characteristics of a rocket. Its range is believed in the neighborhood of 5000-6000 meters. German PW said six men operate the vehicle.

Crack Mortar Outfit Helps Smash Germans

WITH THE 9TH U. S. ARMY, in Germany.—One crack mortar battalion now battering its way deeper into the Nazi homeland after eight months of fighting across France and Belgium was only a blue print a year ago.

The Chemical Mortar Battalion began its trek to the front in France 125 days after its activation at a camp in England on Feb. 9.

The battalion was created when the 1st U. S. Army decided more close support would be needed during the initial stages of the fighting in France. It began its existence with officers and men from seven different arms and services, and never reached authorized strength until after it had seen combat.

The battalion commander, Lt. Col. Ronald Martin, Batesville, Ind., taught his men the operation of their 4.2-inch mortars in evening classes and night problems.

Enter Combat In July

On July 2 they fired their first rounds in combat in support of the 30th Infantry Division's crossing of the Vire. The battalion sent 3550 rounds crashing into enemy lines.

The infantry, following the barrage, attacked successfully with far less casualties than expected.

The mortar men supported the 29th and 35th Divisions in their attacks on St. Lo, and fired in support of the 30th Division in the battle of the break-through west of St. Lo late in July.

The battalion rejoined the 30th Division on Sept. 19 to assist in the smashing of the Siegfried Line north of Aachen. Here its support proved so valuable that Maj. Gen. Leland S. Hobbs, commanding general of the 30th Division, gave it a commendation for materially aiding the 30th Division in penetrating the Siegfried Line and in completing the encirclement of Aachen, Germany.

In all these operations the battalion operated under a central control, capable of massing its fire on one target. German prisoners, dazed and bleeding from concussion, testified to the effectiveness of that technique.

The battalion has knocked out guns, tanks, troops and observation posts. Precision adjustments on such targets now are routine to the mortar men of the Chemical Mortar Battalion who one year ago were clerks, radio operators and truck drivers.

Big Job Is Done By Auto Industry On War Products

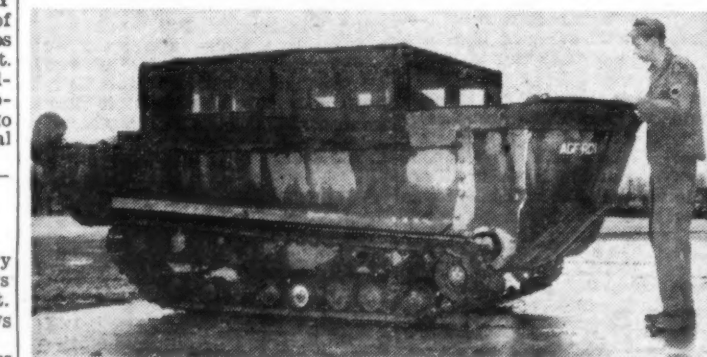
DETROIT.—How the automotive industry is meeting the undiminished battlefield demands for the weapons it produces is statistically presented in the 1944-45 issue of "Automobile Facts and Figures," the yearbook of the Automobile Manufacturers' Association.

"Approximately \$24 billions of aircraft, guns, ammunition, tanks, military vehicles and scores of other war products have poured out of the industry's 1000 plants reaching from coast to coast," the publication says. "Thousands of subcontractors in 44 states have made this huge stream of fighting equipment possible—at a rate double that of the peak peacetime year."

Cumulative war orders received by motor plants since Sept. 1, 1939, have been more than \$32 billion, the booklet shows.

Good Idea

WITH THE 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION, on the Western Front.—Pfc. Stanley W. Pakel, of Birmingham, N. Y., salvaged a wheelbarrow and converted it into an ambulance to evacuate two wounded soldiers. Four Nazi prisoners provided the propelling power.



TINKERING WITH THE WEASEL paid off for T/Sgt. Lael V. Brown, of Trenton, Utah, whose plans for a new clutch release linkage assembly for the M-29C Cargo Carrier were highly commended by AGF Headquarters and his device adopted on all future production models of the "Weasel." Sergeant Brown, who spent three years overseas in the Panama area, is currently assigned to Hdqrs. Co., AGFRD No. 1, Ft. George G. Meade, Md.



—Signal Corps Photo

SISTERS PINNED BARS on the family's third lieutenant at Camp Berkeley, Tex., when Lt. John D. Murray was graduated a second lieutenant from Class 39 of the Administrative Corps OCS. His sisters, 1st Lt. Billie Murray (left), assistant judge advocate of Hqrs., Eighth Service Command, Dallas, and Lt. Geraldine Murray, serving at Kelly Field, each pinned one of their gold bars on their brother's new uniform.

Allies Now Using German Industries

WITH THE 1ST U. S. ARMY ON THE WESTERN FRONT.—Military Government officers in Aachen, have begun the task of digging out of the ruins of this city industries and services which may be converted to the use of the American army.

Already in operation are two machine and ready repair shops and a small foundry which save Ordnance troops many miles of travel to shops further back of the U. S. lines.

As a further step in making available to the U. S. armed forces German industries which might be used to advance the war, the Military Government has reported a synthetic rubber factory capable of producing 12,000 tires a month.

This plant has not yet been put into operation but Military Government has superintended primary repairs to protect the machinery which escaped damage in the building-to-building fighting in Aachen.

The factory was run by the Ger-

mans before the Allied occupation, for the benefit of the German army. Officials present say it is owned by a rubber company which also has a plant in Liege, Belgium. Managers and employees were evacuated by the retreating Germans last September and October. Groups of 12 to 15 workers are making repairs to the building, which was damaged, and protecting the machinery. This is done under Army supervision but using only such civilian supplies as can be found in the city.

Operation of the plant will not begin until it is authorized as necessary or desirable by higher military commanders. Other considerations include procurement of raw materials, of which there are almost none in the plant now. Normally, the plant which hired 1000 workers, received its raw materials from I. G. Farbenindustrie but it is believed possible to obtain some materials from other sources. The tires, of course, would be made exclusively for Allied military use.

'Magnetic Maggie' Latest Example Of Yank Ingenuity

WITH THE 7TH ARMY, France. "Magnetic Maggie" is one of the latest examples of Yank ingenuity in the 7th Army. The necessity which mothered this "pick-up gal" was the theater-wide tire conservation program endorsed by General Eisenhower.

"Magnetic Maggie" is an Army ¼-ton truck equipped with an electro-magnet. She is adding hundreds of truck miles to 7th Army transports daily, besides saving time and tires. "Maggie" is said to have

a sister in New Caledonia, but is probably the only one of her kind in Europe.

Combing the roads in the 7th Army area, the clanking coquette picked up more than 100 pounds of metal scrap during her first week of service. In one instance, the driver, Cpl. Herman E. Newman, of Huntington, Va., drove too close to a city dump and Maggie, who has a pulling power of more than three tons, attracted a host of cans which came flying to her feet from all directions.

Newman claims that the machine does a pretty good job of clearing nails, wire, C-ration tins and other debris from the roads. Over densely littered stretches and around ration and ammunition dumps and railheads, he runs the truck at only five m.p.h. The vehicle covers about 45 miles a day and is on the road about eight hours. The electricity is cut off for 15 minutes after an hour's run to allow the magnet to cool.

Now 19, In 5 Years

AMARILLO FIELD, Tex.—Now only 19 years old, Pfc. Oliver E. Burton, of Sq. T, is a veteran of five years in the Army and 32 months in the Southwest Pacific. He joined the Oregon National Guard at 14, and when it was federalized in 1940, he stayed on. Overseas, he was with Co. B, 186th Inf., 41st Division.

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John Doe, Jr. Now In Army

FORT BRAGG, N. C.—John Doe, Jr., son of a man who has one of the most widely used names in the nation, was inducted into the Army and processed at the Personnel Center here this week. The use of the name, John Doe, has been universal for anonymous representations because John Doe had not been known to exist until now. The father is a farmer in Switzerland, S. C.

While not aware of all the interest that is centered on his name, the Army's new soldier will cause first sergeants, payroll clerks, and personnel officers to scratch their heads many times before John Doe, Jr., is released from the service. Now that John Doe no longer is a hypothetical character, it can mean, too, that a new name will have to be born for use as an example for names on civilian and military records.

More Confoosin'

CAMP CROFT, S. C.—A couple of soldiers in the Infantry Replacement Training Center here, imbued with an idea about alphabetical abbreviations in the Army, worked this one out. It's a history of a soldier's career in the Army and includes all 26 letters of the alphabet.

1-A, RC, IQ, PX, KP, TS, SNAFU, IRTC, BN, ITB, GFU, AWOL, MR, CM, JA, PBX, POM, POE, APO, V-1, CDD, PH, DSC, ZI, USA, HOME.

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Soldiers Protest Proposed Banning Of Lipsticked Gals

HEADQUARTERS, PANAMA CANAL DEPARTMENT.—With the cry that "we want red-lipped women for red-blooded Americans," two indignant Nashville, Tenn., soldiers in the Panama Coast Artillery Command have written a letter of protest to State Sen. Robert Brooks, of Johnson City, who introduced a bill to make it a crime punishable by 10 years in jail or a fine of \$10,000 for women to use lipstick in Tennessee.

"A kiss without lipstick is like coffee without cream," Cpl. Ewen Pennington and Pfc. Phillip E. Cole lamented in their joint communication. They objected to the proposal as "unconstitutional, unthinkable and out of this world," and branded it "a strange brew of hypocrisy and bigotry" which was a "slur upon the fair name of Tennessee."

Now Heads Hospital

CAMP CHAFFEE, Ark.—Lt. Col. Lincoln F. Steffens has been assigned to Post surgeon, succeeding Col. Henry W. Grady, transferred to Stark General Hospital, S. C.

Clubs Jittery But Still Hopeful

All 16 Major Clubs Start Prepping Up

WASHINGTON. — With major league season openings less than a month away, owners of the American and National teams continue jittery but hopeful that training work now under way will not have been in vain.

When Pittsburgh opened its camp yesterday at Muncie, Ind., it meant that all 16 clubs had their prep jobs under way.

Reports from the camps are that most of the reportees are players of ancient vintage or teen-age youngsters still possessed of their baseball wisdom tooth. A comparatively few 4-ers have showed up, a majority seemingly being determined to wait until there has been some clarification of the status of the national game for its fourth wartime season.

American League

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. — Assured of a return of most of its pennant winners, St. Louis Browns are most optimistic. One-armed Pete Gray, bought from Memphis for \$20,000, is featured attraction.

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — For its opening week of training, Washington Nats had a manager and three coaches to handle the three players reporting. There'll be heavy inroads on the food when 12 Cubans report next week.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. — New York Yankees had 20 players who had signed contracts but only nine reporting. Pitcher Altee Donald is enrolled.

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Among the few Detroit Tigers reporting was Ralph Ruthstrom, Southern Methodist U. grid star, signed as a pitcher. TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — Manager Jimmy Dykes is cock of the walk with his Chicago White Sox. Sixteen players reported opening day.

LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Only a skeleton crew reported when Cleveland Indians started prepping. Manager Lou Boudreau was not here, detained because of "family reasons."

PLEASANTVILLE, N. J. — Manpower being at such a premium. Manager Joe Cronin says he'll be the "jack of all trades" in the infield for Boston Red Sox this year. FREDERICK, Md. — Naturally an optimistic gentleman, Connie Mack, 82, returned from California for opening of training and is hopeful his Philadelphia Athletics will make his 45th year as manager worthwhile.

National League

LAKEWOOD, N. J. — Manager Mel Ott opened the New York Giants training with 17 players, including nine "Little Giants" from Jersey City.

CAIRO, Ill. — St. Louis Cards camp will not get going full blast until its stars, most of them in their 30's, report. They feel they're repeaters for the pennant.

BEAR MOUNTAIN, N. Y. — Brooklyn Dodgers have lost Big Schultz to the Army and may lose Mickey Owen to the farm, but Lippy Leo is here with a few youngsters.

MUNCIE, Ind. — This Pittsburgh Pirate camp was full of absentees. It's a bit too early for late chaps such as Max Butler, Lloyd Waner, Preacher Roe and Babe Dahlgren, who'll come on later.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Guy Bush has cut his beard and dyed his hair and has signed to pitch for Cincinnati Reds. He's 42; began pitching major league with Chicago Cubs 23 years ago.

FRENCH LICK, Ind. — Should baseball be banned in '45, Chicago Cub Manager Charlie Grimm will solve the unemployment problem for his players by entering them in swimming meets. Practice diamond has been flood-covered for days.

WILMINGTON, Del. — If they paid off on training season outlook, Philadelphia Phillies, perennial tailenders, would be in the favored spot. Eighteen players have signed, most of the regulars being in the fold.



TWO CHAMPS MET at a Pacific base when ex-heavyweight champ Capt. Jim Braddock autographed the famous 7th Air Force 100-mission Liberator, "Lt. Audrey," which has flown 343,000 air miles and has dropped 416,900 pounds of bombs on Jap targets. Veteran bomber is now on its way to the States to tour combat crew training centers. Captain Braddock is shaking hands with the pilot, Lt. Francis Poule.

CT&CC Takes Cage Title In China Theater

CHINESE TRAINING AND COMBAT COMMAND, U. S. ARMY.

American claimants to the basketball championship of China Theater for the 1944-45 season are this Chinese Training & Combat Command Quartermaster team. Composed of individual players known on American hardwood courts literally from coast to coast, these cage sharpshooters, against top Chinese civilian and service and American service quintets, averaged scoring 58 points per game for the season just closed. They won 15 and lost one game.

Another Yank quintet in China, Army Airways Communications System, defeated this title outfit one game, only to bow later to the CT&CC five in a 45-44 tilt which eliminated AACS from the climactic Chinese Inter-Allied War Relief Tournament which these supplymen won to receive the banners they hold. Funds received went to aid Chinese refugees from Kwangsi and Kuantung provinces.

China produces numerous outstanding basketeers. Among those which the Quartermasters defeated was a highly-rated team from Eastern Athletic Association, which earned pre-war fame on the China coast. The EAA club this season included a member of the Chinese basketball team which fought its way to the higher brackets of the last Olympic games held in Berlin.

Denton Most Obliging Fellow

ASHEVILLE, N. C. — "Make it 50, Denton!"

The basket-hungry spectators were urging "Big" Ed Denton to clear the hoop again in a recent court game. Denton obliged and netted the 50 points.

"Make it 60, Denton!" The crowd shouted for more.

When the game was over, Lt. Edward Davis Denton, former Indiana University hoop star of the '41-'42-'43 seasons, now playing for the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station team here, had sunk 65 points for the evening. The audience was pleased, its appetite sated until the next time Denton would play.

DePaul And St. John's Favored In Tournament

NEW YORK. — DePaul University of Chicago has been seeded first in the eighth annual national invitational tournament and will meet West Virginia in the opening round.

Other pairings pit Bowling Green vs. R. P. I., Tennessee vs. Rhode Island State and St. John's vs. Muhlenberg.

In the second round the Bowling Green-R. P. I. winner will meet the St. John's-Muhlenberg winner and the Tennessee-Rhode Island State winner will play the De Paul-West Virginia winner.

DePaul and St. John's are co-favorites and, thanks to the bracketing, can meet in the finals.

Yankees, Dodgers And Giants Book Red Cross Games

NEW YORK. — Contribution of at least \$100,000 to the American Red Cross is expected from the three round robin games arranged by the New York Yankees and Giants and the Brooklyn Dodgers.

The schedule of benefit games calls for the Giants to play the Dodgers at Ebbets Field on April 11, the Dodgers and Yankees at Yankee Stadium April 12 and the Yankees and Giants at the Polo Grounds July 9.

From St. Louis came announcement that \$185,093 had been paid in to the Red Cross War Fund as its share of the 1944 World Series.

In 30 games played this season in the Asheville basketball league, "Big" Ed has amassed a net total of 694 points. Speaking statistically, the total reveals an average of 23 points per game. And that, in anybody's league, is "some shootin'."

Boxing Champs

FORT RILEY, Kan. — The Fort Riley boxing team won the three-day 7th Service Command tourney last weekend by copping four of the eight championship titles. The Fort Warren, Wyo., team took second place and Camp Crowder, Mo., third.

Jug Wins Blue Ribbon In Four-Ball Tourney

MIAMI, Fla. — After almost winning a good share of the winter tournaments Jug McSpaden, golf-dom's hard luck gent, at last walked off with a blue ribbon and the dollars which went with it.

But Hard Luck Jug had to be satisfied with a partner's interest in the blue ribbon as he was teamed with Byron Nelson in the \$7500 international "four-ball" golf tournament.

The "Gold Dust Twins" turned on the heat in the final round of the tourney to blast Sammy Byrd

and Denny Shute out of the running, 8 and 6.

Jug and Lord Byron had never advanced beyond the second round of the Miami four-ball but this year they played unbeatable golf and were never in serious danger.

Byrd and Shute had scored an upset in the semi-finals when Byrd rammed home a twelve-foot putt for a birdie 3 on the second extra hole to knock Sam Snead and Bob Hamilton out of the running. The Snead-Hamilton putters failed them as Shute-Byrd scored an uphill win.

The "Gold Dust Twins" were 14 under par for the thirty holes needed to conquer Shute and Byrd. They carded a brilliant 62 on the morning eighteen, which gave them a two-hole advantage, then settled the issue when Nelson fired three consecutive birdies. Jug applied the clincher on the thirtieth with a 350-tee shot, and a second shot two feet from the pin.

Bishop Heads Cage Scorers

CAMP BEALE, Calif. — Adding 113 points in his four games with the Fort Lewis, Wash., champions of the 9th Service Command, Gail Bishop outdistanced all competition as the nation's highest scoring basketball player.

Tournament points brought his season total for 43 games to 436 field goals and 165 free throws totaling 1037 points.

Crippled Veteran Given Chance For Place With Nats

WASHINGTON. — Three days after being fitted with an artificial leg at Walter Reed Hospital, Lt. Bert Shepard of the Army Air Forces reported for Spring training with the Washington Nationals at College Park.

"The boy has a very fine chance of making the team," said Clark Griffith, president of the club.

"My success in baseball would mean inspiration to thousands of crippled and wounded servicemen," Lieutenant Shepard said after illustrating his agility with the new leg. "I can get around with a wooden leg as easy as pie. I run 100 yards in 14 seconds. I can pitch and field and bat as well as I ever could."

A former pitcher and first baseman in the minor leagues, Lieutenant Shepard crashed on his 35th mission over Germany and lost a leg. He recently was repatriated and returned on the Gripsholm exchange ship.

Camp O'Reilly Keeps Antilles Dept. Lead

HQ. ANTILLES DEPARTMENT. — Camp O'Reilly, with wins in its three games, continues in top place in the Puerto Rican basketball league.

Fort Brooke and Borinquen Field are in second place with three wins and one loss, while Camp Tortuguero has fourth place, 2-1, and Fort Buchanan heads the second division, having broken even in its four games.

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Red Cross Food Was 'Life Saver'

FINNEY GENERAL HOSPITAL, Thomasville, Ga.—"I don't think I could have pulled through 13 months as a German prisoner of war without the Red Cross food parcels we received."

That statement comes from Lt. Hayes L. Appell, of Jacksonville, Fla., who only a few days ago was repatriated on the mercy ship, Gripsholm, and is now a patient at Finney General Hospital.

"The German ration for us got slimmer and slimmer, and it was always black bread and potatoes, or black bread and soup," said the little Air Corps lieutenant, who at one time during his internment was down to about 85 pounds from his normal weight of 130.

Appell was a P-51 (Mustang) pilot. He went down over Germany in December of 1943.

In the first of the two German hospitals where he was treated for his broken right leg and chipped left knee, Appell stayed seven and a half months. His broken leg progressed very slowly.

Improper Supplies

"They didn't have proper medical supplies here. For example, they used paper bandages. And they couldn't make my bone knit properly."

After his unsuccessful treatment at Saarburg, Appell was transferred to Obermassfeld Hospital, in Cassel, Germany.

This hospital was operated mainly by a staff of British medical officers—all prisoners of war. The patients here were about half American and half British, in contrast to the first hospital, where all of the

patients were Yugoslavs and Russians except Appell.

"The top morale factor was our food," Appell said. "Those wonderful Red Cross food parcels would come, and we'd pool all of them together. Then the cooks would plan the menus, and we'd have good chow for a while. The parcels kept coming regularly, and without them I don't think I would have lasted 13 months. They were a real life saver."

Asked if he had a message for the people on the home front, Lt. Appell said, "just tell them if they want to do something for our boys overseas not to forget the Red Cross drive for funds this month. I've seen—and appreciated—what the Red Cross is doing. And I want those parcels to keep going to other boys who haven't been fortunate enough to be repatriated."

Griffith Says Roosevelt Has Put OK On Night Ball

WASHINGTON. — Should President Roosevelt be called upon to make the final decision, there'll be baseball under the lights this coming season.

Following an informal conference with the chief executive, "Old Fox" Clark Griffith, president of the Washington Nats, said FDR had expressed himself in favor of night games as recreation for war workers; that he prided himself on being the original champion of the game under the bulbs, and was pleased when Griffith characterized him as

the "night baseball man."

Griffith said that in his call, he had not broached the subject of the future of baseball, remarking he felt "the head man" should not be bothered with this problem but that it had been taken up with others in Government service.

Incidentally, Griffith fixed things so FDR and his missus would get to see major league games "on the cuff." As the emissary of the top loops, Griffith presented occupants of the White House with season passes, the President's in a leather folder and Mrs. Roosevelt's in a handsome red pocketbook with her initials in gold.

Delta Base Cage Title Also Goes To Grid Champs

WITH U. S. FORCES, in France.

The 756th Railway Shop Battalion "Railroaders," winners of the New Year's Day (1945) "Riviera Bowl" football game, have added to their laurels the championship of the Delta Base Section American League in basketball, downing the 3rd General Hospital "Texans" by a score of 39-35. Before this game both teams were undefeated in league play.

The team is managed by Cpl. Arthur Hearst, of Rockaway Beach, N. Y., and is coached by 2nd/Lt. Donald E. Roush, of Omaha, Neb.

Gamblers Hurt As Rocky Upsets Odds And Arnold

NEW YORK.—Young Billy Arnold, hailed as a Joe Louis of the middleweights, was just another young Negro fighter after Rocky Graziano got through with him in a Madison Square Garden feature.

The gamblers got it where it hurts when Graziano upset Arnold and the 6-to-1 odds.

It was Arnold all the way through the first two rounds of the wild slug-fest. The third round looked like a repetition of the first two stanzas until Rocky connected with a roundhouse right to the head.

Arnold's legs buckled and he went against the ropes. Graziano swarmed over him, dropping him for a count of nine. Arnold got up and went down again for a six-count as Rocky knocked him through the ropes. Down once

more for a seven-count and the fight was over as the referee moved in.

In their third sock-fest, Bee Bee Washington won a booed decision over Johnny Finazzo in Washington.

It was the first decision in 30 rounds of sizzling action. Fought bitterly all the way, the fighters won the praise of the fans, while the officials got the Bronx cheers for their decision.

Coach Takes Time Off To Greet Baby Champ

CAMP GORDON JOHNSTON, Fla.—Pvt. Marvin Baker, Oakland, Calif., coach, sparring partner, trainer and publicist for the Camp Gordon Johnston boxing team, was master-minding his fighters at the Jacksonville Golden Gloves tournament when a wire came announcing the imminent arrival of the stork.

Mary rushed to Tallahassee to the Dale Mabry Field Hospital, found Mrs. Baker and the junior Baker in fine shape, then rushed back to Jacksonville in time to help two of his four fighters win the titles that sent them to New York.

When the fight fans learned of Private Baker's quick trip, they gave him a tremendous ovation.

Best Quintet

LONDON.—A never-say-die G2 Depot basketball team came from behind last week to win the championship of the American forces in the United Kingdom with a 49-to-42 victory over the 1st Air-Base Depot quintet before 4000 spectators. The G2 team started the last quarter three points behind.

Bob Swanson In Grand Form On His Furlough

CAMP SHELBY, Miss.—Pfc. Bob Swanson, of the 1298th Engineers, played some grand golf while spending his furlough at Los Angeles. He made the Bel Air Country Club and the Los Angeles Country Club regulars sit up and take notice when, in 10 rounds, five at each course, he registered 712 strokes where par was 720 strokes. Because of his furlough plans, Private Swanson missed both the New Orleans Open and the Gulfport Open, and he particularly regretted his inability to play Fred Haas, of New Orleans, for whose golfing he has particularly high regard.

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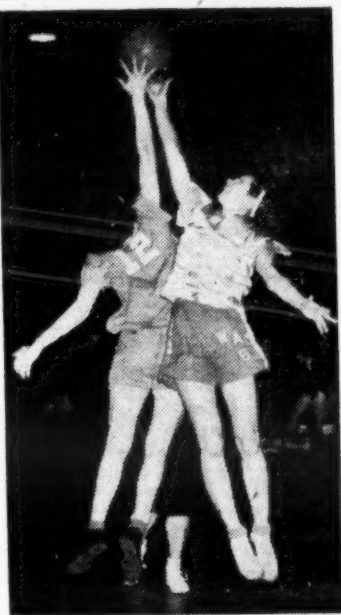
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BALLET RUSSE action was injected into the all-women's basketball tournament of the Wac 7th Service Command at Fort Des Moines, Ia., when the home Wacs won from Fitzsimons General Hospital in the overtime finals, 37-30. Fort Leavenworth, Kan., placed in the tourney, scoring 30-16 over Ft. Leonard Wood. ARMY

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Mental Reconditioning Speeds Convalescence

WASHINGTON. — Reconditioning the mind, supplementing the familiar medical task of reconditioning the body, is the newest ally of military medicine to obtain the most rapid and best convalescence of soldiers, according to Col. Augustus Thorndike, Medical Corps, Director of the Reconditioning Consultants Division, Office of the Surgeon General, U. S. Army.

In former wars, says Colonel Thorndike, the body of the casualty was repaired, rebuilt and restored during convalescence. But too little attention was paid to mental reconditioning.

The reconditioning division seeks to return the soldier—to active Army service or to civilian life—mentally alert, filled with competitive spirit and esprit de corps, and

without anxiety about his wounds or his future.

It is the task of the educational reconditioning program to do this job and return the soldier, after his convalescence, as good or even better mentally than before his injury, reports Maj. W. S. Briscoe, A.U.S., in charge of the program.

Broaden Soldier's Concept

Every effort is made, in the educational reconditioning program, to utilize the soldier's time of convalescence to learn new skills, attain more education, know more about world affairs and broaden the soldier's concept of the Army, and why and how it fights.

No longer is there the mental lethargy that comes, all too quickly, from lounging around a hospital in the usual kind of convalescence. The aim now is to exercise the mind and stimulate it during the convalescent period, just as physical reconditioning keeps the unused body muscles strong and active during this same period.

Very early in the education program the soldier's interests, aptitudes and abilities are thoroughly explored by his reconditioning officer. This personal analysis—often the first the soldier ever had in his life—helps govern the particular stimulating mental activities the man needs to get back on his feet in the mental as well as the physical sense.

There is nothing wrong with these casualties in a neuropsychiatric sense. It is simply that a combat casualty frequently has a mental letdown after injury and his mind, for a time, finds relief in "lying down" and not doing anything. Just as a tired body finds relief in lying down and going to sleep.

Under the new educational reconditioning program mental activities gradually increase as the soldier's needs for physical reconditioning from his injury taper off.

Rescuing Of Robot Target Planes From Choppy Seas Hazardous Task

HEADQUARTERS, PANAMA CANAL DEPARTMENT. — Without fuss or fanfare, eight seafaring soldiers of the Panama Coast Artillery Command perform one of the most hazardous and most vital wartime missions in this area.

Week in and week out, they brave the choppy Pacific in a flimsy 16-

foot oar-powered crash boat to rescue bullet-peppered robot target planes from an ocean grave.

By retrieving an average of eight out of 10 robot hornets shot down by machinegunners and ack-ack men at the antiaircraft firing point where they are stationed, they ef-

fect for the Army a saving in equipment estimated at close to \$100,000 during the past year.

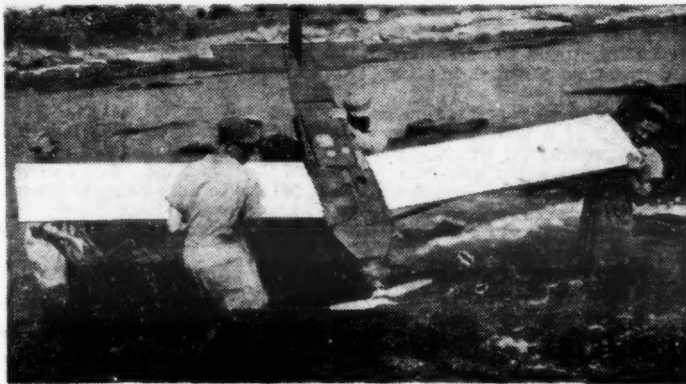
The men are members of the Aerial Target Detachment of Col. Adolph L. Ramon's automatic weapons group. Although it is far more dramatic and risky, their rescue detail is a sideshow to the big job of keeping the fleet of ground-controlled target planes in running order.

When they recover an aerial zig-zagger from the Pacific, they rush the felled plane to a hangar nearby where they administer mechanical first aid. If the robot ship is not hopelessly cut up, it is soon re-launched from the catapult.

More often than not a target plane requires protracted hospitalization after it dives into the ocean. When the seagoing grease monkeys complete first echelon surgery the flak-vent craft is usually shipped inland to a repair shop at group headquarters.

There the more serious wounds are bound so that crippled robot craft may be sent into the air again. Repairs in the control mechanism are made. Bullet holes in gas tanks are welded. Failing motors are doctored. Wing struts are changed, and new fabrics are grafted upon perforated fuselages.

Longevity of the target planes—piloted by remote control as they fly over Panama's gun-ribbed coasts through geysers of antiaircraft fire—varies with the marksmanship of the gun crews and the genius of the daredevil motor doctors. Some robot planes have made as many as 30 flights. When ack-ack or machinegun crews are hot, one mission is regarded as par.



RASH CREW RESCUES DISABLED ROBOT

'Bataan Avenger' Donated By Ft. Riley Bond Buyers

FORT RILEY, Kans. — The Bataan Avenger—a silvery B-29 Superfortress—roared out of the sun over Fort Riley, Kans., and tipped its wings in salute to the men and women of the Fort whose war bond dollars have put the flying giant into the air.

The first B-29 ever purchased by a military post, the Bataan Avenger was paid for by the war bonds of Fort Riley's military and civilian personnel during the Fifth War Loan Drive, and named in honor of the men who fought at Bataan in 1942.

Taking off from Topeka Army Air Base, the big plane circled over Fort Riley in farewell. Only a few days before the crew of eleven had been guests of the men and women of the Post who had a chance to meet the air corps men who will fly the superbomber into combat and to wish them "Godspeed." All those who had bought bonds during the drive also had the privilege of signing a scroll whose thirty-five foot length was rolled into an air-tight

water-tight metal cylinder and presented to the crew.

Before the men returned to Topeka Air Base to begin their flight, they individually promised to inform their friends at Fort Riley of the progress of the plane. Grinned one Fort Riley soldier, "After all, we are its foster parents."

First Year Of Combat Brings Many Orchids To Blue Devils

WITH THE 5TH ARMY, Italy. — The 5th Army's 88th "Blue Devil" Infantry Division — first Selective Service infantry division to enter combat on any front in this war—has completed a year of action in Italy. Since March 5, 1944, when elements of the 88th went into positions along the Garigliano River, the division, commanded by Maj. Gen. Paul W. Kendall, has spent 280 days in actual fighting.

Artillery units of the 88th have chalked up 334 fighting days and have been out of the lines only three days since last July 7. The higher total for the artillery is occasioned by the fact that artillery units generally have remained in firing positions and rotated personnel to rest areas.

Individual honors won by men of the 88th during the year include two Medals of Honor, one DSM, 22 DSCs, 50 Legion of Merit Medals, 321 Silver Stars and Clusters, 1313

Bronze Stars and Clusters, 26 Air Medals and 60 Clusters to the Air Medal, seven Soldiers' Medals, and more than 17,000 Combat Infantrymen Badges.

Dying Officer Is Target Of Supply Plane On Morotai

WITH THE DIXIE DIVISION, on Morotai. — A litter on which a dying officer lay recently was made the target for a deadly hail of more than 200 heavy rations boxes when his bed was mistaken for a drop panel.

Because of mist and confusing terrain features deep in the interior supply planes mistook the litter and rained down tons of supplies.

Chaplain Adrian R. Potter, of Chicago, Ill., two medical officers and an aid man continued to give treatment and comfort to the patient while ration boxes crashed all around them. One infantryman was killed as he dived for cover. The chaplain was awarded the Bronze Star.

5380 Furlough Vets From Italian Front Greeted At Kilmer

CAMP KILMER, N. J. — With many scores of them wearing the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in action, 5380 battle-worn veterans from Italy arrived here on rotation furlough. Accompanying the men were 23 nurses.

Within a few hours after arrival, the men were in communication by telephone and telegraph with their folks in all parts of the country, informing them of the glad tidings.

Sweet Revenge

WITH THE 7TH ARMY, in France. — After watching the Germans blow up bridges in his face during their retreat, Sgt. Charles Lipke of Fords, N. J., got sweet revenge. He blew up one himself and prevented the Nazis from crossing a river which would have allowed them to hit the 3d Division men from the rear.

Nazi Prisoners Sabotage Tires; Held For Trial

WASHINGTON. — The War Department has announced that two German prisoners of war, Heinz Bartel and Heinrich Wideman, will be tried by court-martial on charges involving the sabotage of automobile tires on which they were working under civilian supervision.

It is the third case involving charges of sabotage committed by prisoners of war under detention. Two previous prisoner-saboteurs were sentenced to ten years at hard labor.

The War Department said that the prisoners are being held pending trial at Camp Chafee, Ark., on evidence that they had driven nails into 35 tires while engaged in loading and securing unserviceable but repairable quarter-ton trucks in Camp Chafee for shipment to a repair depot.

Negro Troops Work Under Fire As Medics For Wounded Tanks

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, Italy. — In a sense, the 170 Negro soldiers of the 228th Tank Retrieving Company are ambulance drivers for machinery "wounded" on the battlefield.

Like the medics, they move into battle areas under shellfire and strafing planes to pick up their casualties. In their case, however, their ambulances are 45-ton prime movers, trucks as large as a suburban bungalow. And their rescued patients are ripped-open jeeps, tanks and trucks which they haul back to the ordnance "hospitals" to be patched up and returned to combat.

That is their job and they are the only Negro tank retrieving outfit in the Peninsular Base Section of the Mediterranean Theater of Operations.

In the 11 months the outfit has been overseas, the unit has hauled back 2000 tanks for salvage and repairs, not counting the German armor and other equipment it has picked up for bond rallies in the United States. In many cases, American tanks are picked up from

the battlefield still smoldering from shell holes and explosions.

All in all the company has retrieved more than 64,000 tons of tanks, thus preventing this materiel from falling into the hands of the Germans.



—Pfc. Chas. Cartwright, ASFC, Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

"Honest, Madge, I was intending to dig you a garden, but I guess I just sort of forgot myself."

War Is Hell

WITH U. S. FORCES IN FRANCE. — Sgt. Joseph C. Salak doesn't particularly care to meet any of his neighbors overseas. Now serving as a personal clerk-typist in the headquarters of the 361st Engineer Special Service Regiment, Sergeant Salak met a friend from back home recently and was greeted with: "So they finally caught up with you, you so-and-so!"

Before his enlistment in August, 1943, Sergeant Salak served for 30 months as chief of Chicago's Draft Board No. 25 and sent "Greetings" to thousands of "Windy City" residents.

7th Army GIs Pool Guesses On War's End; Spring Months Lead

WITH THE 100TH DIVISION OF 7TH ARMY, in France—"When's the war going to end in Europe?"

That's a big question all over the world and the boys in front line outfits are just as curious as the next person. In fact, they're not only curious, they're willing to lay a little money as backing for their own personal guesses.

Hundreds of small, self-instituted pools have sprung up in organizations up and down the western front during the past few weeks since the failure of the German counteroffensive and the success of the Russian drive have given a definitely rose-colored tint to the future. The boys admit they are only guessing, but it adds a little spice to life if you have five bucks or so at stake.

Pick Favorite Dates

Dates in April, May, and June seem to predominate, but there are also extremists who choose February and November. Behind some of the entries are deep military, political, and climatic considerations, but most boil down to coincidences of a girl friend's birthday, previous military events occurring on the same day, etc., etc. Some even feel the "higher-ups" will arrange the peace-signing to coincide with the anniversary of some previous important event.

In the 100th Division, Lt. J. F. Kruzel, Chicago, a hopeful in one of the good-sized pools, named Feb. 27, the anniversary of the founding of the Russian Army, as his optimistic selection. He lost.

Most dour choice on record was that of Capt. John W. Downie, of Washington, D. C., who sees the 11th hour of the 11th day of Novem-

ber, 1945, as the fateful moment of war's end in Europe. A sort of double armistice celebration, so to speak.

Invasion Anniversary

T/Sgt. H. B. Schellenberg, Pulaski, N. Y., picks June 6, after the date of the Normandy invasion—and because he was married on the 6th, and his baby arrived on a 6th day.

"No one knows, but everyone's willing to take a good healthy guess," one commentator had it.

Another Centuryman, Pfc. Ralph

M. Baum, of New York City, figures June 13 for the date—"because my sister's kid was born on that day."

Main idea in the guess is to choose a general period—and then let your lucky charms do the rest. Pfc. John Preston, 100th Signal Company, of Ridgewood, N. J., picks June 17 on that basis, the date of his wedding anniversary.

"That should be my good luck date if anything is," says Preston. So it's step right up and name your date, boys; we're fighting for it—but we can bet on it, too.



—By Sgt. Jerry Chamberlain, Camp Blanding, Fla.

"Sorry, Chum, the Colonel wants that seat back in his jeep..."

Convenient Shopping Service For Army Men

WASHINGTON. — The United Nations Service Center here furnishes a most convenient service for soldiers who may wish gifts of any kind, or other articles, sent to friends in United States, or who may want something for themselves which is not available where they are stationed.

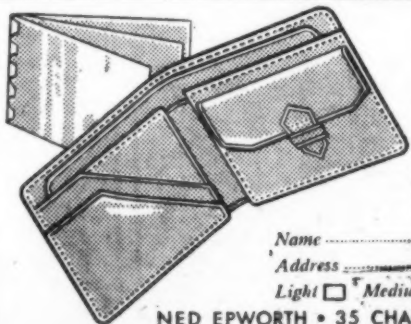
All that is necessary is to write a letter to Miss Jessie E. Ball, Shopping Service, United Nations Service Center, 500 North Capitol Street, Washington, D. C., telling what may be wanted and enclosing an amount necessary to cover the cost. The Center has a staff of volunteer shoppers who are familiar with Washington shops and who know how to get the best values. There is no charge for the

service.

The cost of the article plus mailing expenses, is deducted from the amount sent in, which should be by money order payable to the United Nations Service Center. The balance, if any, is returned to the sender.

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Fat Salvage In Army Enriching Uncle Sam

WASHINGTON. — Streamlined fat salvage methods used by mess sergeants earned \$5,409,000 for Uncle Sam during 1944.

Army cooks and KPs have learned the urgent importance of hoarding spent frying fats, rendering meat scrap and mining grease from sink-traps in thousands of Army kitchens. Undoubtedly, the old pearl diver, as dishwashers used to be called, is today bringing up riches worth more to winning the war than the finest pearls of Araby.

Army installations throughout the country have one or more mess supervisors to train cooks in fat conversation and keep tabs on "per man per month" salvage. These records are sent up to Service Command Headquarters and Headquarters, Army Service Forces, for analysis and supervision to improve performance.

Good Men To Have Around

Recently, a concerned mess sergeant said to a visitor at one of the Army camps near Boston:

"Yes, Ma'am, looks like some of these boys will be handy men to have around the kitchen by the time they get back home. Fact is... they're doing and saving a lot of things no women ever thought was worth bothering with. When the KPs remember to skim dirty dish water for grease, and to keep plate scrapings out of the sink so the plumbing won't get clogged, these lads are learning something their wives will sure appreciate later on."

In the old days, cooking grease, trap grease, bones and raw meat trimmings was hog wash the average cook may have thrown away. But today, glycerin for explosives

and other products are made from such valuable kitchen wastes. Last year, approximately 83,784,000 pounds of these by-products were salvaged from Army messes and put to further use.

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Corporal Hunting Cognac In Cellar Captures 8 Nazis

WITH THE 7TH ARMORED DIVISION, in Belgium.—Cpl. Allen L. Pattee, of the 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion, has discovered a new secret weapon.

In St. Vith, Belgium, on Jan. 24, Corporal Pattee, armed with a machinist's hammer and a flashlight, went searching the cellars for cognac. He had read that whiskey was good for frost-bite. Cognac, he figured, would be a good substitute.

On entering one cellar, he found a lone German crouching in the corner. He leveled the hammer, pistol fashion, and the German surrendered. Corporal Pattee investigated further—and using the same method, captured seven more Germans.

Song Written At Combat Front Is To Go Into Film

WITH THE 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION, in Germany.—Pfc. Ben Latino, of Chicago, and Pfc. Marty J. Bozym, of Scranton, Pa., jeep-drivers in the 18th Inf. Regt. for the last three and a half years, are particularly happy these days.

Latino and Bozym, noted for the musical scores they wrote for regimental stage shows in rest areas, have been notified by Hollywood that their latest effort, a love song of a girl writing her soldier "Please Be Careful," has been accepted by a studio and will be filmed in a picture soon to be released.

New-Type Matches Impervious To Water

WASHINGTON.—Water-resistant matches, which not only light in damp weather, but which can be immersed in water for as long as six hours and still light, have been procured by the Quartermaster Corps.

The match resembles the standard kitchen match, but its tip and part of the wooden stem have been dipped in a waterproof lacquer. The new matches are a boon to soldiers in water-soaked foxholes and humid jungles.

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Eating some curds and whey!
A German came by her and sat
down beside her;
What'da ya know. She was a booby
trap.

It's easy to give up good dollars for poor quarters.

You may have petted in a Packard,
Made love in a Model A,
Kissed in a classy Chrysler, or by
chance in a Chevrolet,
You may have loved in a Buick, in
a Willys pitched some woo,
But double dating in a jeep—Now
there is the thing to do;
Two and two in a half pint car, four
in a single seat,
With a steering wheel in your stom-
ach, and the pedals mixed with
your feet,
And then for a little kiss—your
heart is all awl, until—
You find you've reached over an
inch too far, and kissed the
other guy's girl.

Women and radios are very
fine until you try to get what you
want, when you want it.

ADVICE TO LONESOME LASSIES
Don't envy the gal with wolves at
her feet,
Don't sit by yourself and groan,
Bring out the charms, you've hid-
den my sweet,
And go get some wolves of your
own.

Definition: Indian squaw—"A
pistol-packin' mama with a rear
gunner."

A rare old bird is the pelican;
His beak can hold more than his
bellycan,
But try to figure out how in the
helican.

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Interested GI: "Were you alone?"
Flier: "Well, for the first year we
were."

A husband is just a domesti-
cated wolf.

"May I print a kiss on your lips?"
I asked.
And she nodded her full permission
So we went to press and I rather
guess,
We printed a full edition.

Tragedy came to our house this
week. Some guys kidnapped our
mother-in-law and if we don't dig
up twenty-five thousand dollars
in a hurry we'll have to take her
back.

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nered.

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so.

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But if, as on occasion, the heart
and mind our sour,
It has no great significance, and
loses half its power.

Protect GI Vehicles

RENO AB, Nev.—A squad of 19
officers has been appointed as pa-
trolmen to check traffic violations and
abuse of GI vehicles. Offenders
will receive tickets, calling for "ex-
planations."

T/4 To Add Ti To Become Timoshenko

CAMP CROFT, S. C.—That
names make the news was proven
long ago, but it is nevertheless true
at Camp Croft.

T/4 Peter Moshenko is legally
Peter Timoshenko, and has gone by
the abbreviation ever since coming
to this country from the Ukraine

many years ago. Now he's chang-
ing it back to the original, and if
asked whether it's because of the
Russian Marshal, he smiles and
says he doesn't know whether
they're related or not. Both families
come from the same part of Russia,
the Ukraine, and Timoshenko is of
peasant stock.

First Anniversary

ADVANCE SUPPLY HEADQUAR-
TERS, in Belgium.—At ceremonies
commemorating the first anniver-
sary of the 6th Engineers Special
Brigade, Col. Howard Ker, Staun-
ton, Va., commanding, commended
the officers and men of the organ-
ization for their "magnificent rec-
ord of achievements."

By Sgt. R. Schuller, Camp Pinedale, Calif., Unit of 4th AAF



"Them's my unmentionables."

Giggy



Cpl. Art Gates, Keesler Field, Miss.

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WarOddities

ON THE WESTERN FRONT.—In the midst of war's grimness come events that bring giggles.

Military traffic somewhere in Belgium was tied up when a farmer's ox slipped on a bridge. Cusswords failing, soldier gave the ox a "hot foot" by sticking four matches into the animal's hoof and lighting them. Got results.

Unarmed sarge jumped into a foxhole, German thrust a rifle into the Yank's belly. Yank gave him a stick of gum and Nazi gave him his gun in exchange.

When two Germans struggled out of the woods to give themselves up, officer gave them each a chocolate bar, slapped them on the back and told them to go get their friends. They returned from the woods with 10 more Krauts.

"Orie," canine bought in England, was a curious dog. Investigated and then tried to bite whirling propeller of a Marauder. Zooie! Eleven stitches to repair ravages.

Restore Overseas Radio-Telephone Service To Italy

NEW YORK. — Overseas telephone service between the United States and Italy has been resumed with the reopening of the direct New York-Rome radiotelephone circuit. Initial calls are being limited to those of governmental departments and agencies and the press.

A mistake which led the Germans to blow up the wrong equipment shortened by several months the delay in restoring the service, suspended on Dec. 11, 1941, when Italy declared war on the United States. Before their withdrawal from Rome, the Germans sent demolition forces to the overseas radio station to destroy the equipment, but through a fortunate blunder they wrecked only obsolete apparatus.

The American Telephone and Telegraph Company operates the stations in this country.

Authority Is Asked To Reduce Officers In General's Grade

WASHINGTON. — Should Congress approve the request, the War Department will have authority to reduce temporary general officers of the Army to a lower general officer grade without necessity of "busting" them all the way back to their permanent field grades.

The plan Secretary Stimson has asked Congress to approve would give the President the authority, "without the advice and consent of the Senate," to reduce temporary generals to any lower temporary general rank. For instance, he could reduce a lieutenant general to a major general or to a brigadier general, or a major general to a brigadier general.

The proposed authority would not permit such reductions in rank below the officer's permanent grade.

QUIZ ANSWERS

(See "Army Quiz," Page 8)

1. B. Before Pearl Harbor the Philippines was a republic under United States' sovereignty. Complete independence was to be achieved in 1946. Now it will come as soon as the Japs are driven out.
2. "Shooting Star" is the name of the new P-80 jet plane, said to be the fastest combat-fighter in the world.
3. Spain, Sweden, Switzerland.
4. C. Trier was founded in the first century B.C., as a garrison for Caesar's legions.
5. B. Mrs. Roosevelt has covered approximately 320,000 miles. The President approximately 300,000 miles.
6. B. A poll of several crews revealed the average age as 20.
7. Clara Barton founded in 1882 a movement which developed into the American Red Cross.
8. The U. S. P-80 has one turbo-jet engine. The British Meteor has two.
9. To bring out wounded soldiers on sleds from snow-bound sections of the Western front.
10. 32 miles.



PRETTY AND TALENTED is Janet Blair, entered by Columbia for GI votes as tops in the pin-up beauty field.

ALL PRESENT OR ACCOUNTED FOR

MPs have their place, but Pfc. Edward Carman, of Los Gatos, Calif., has good reason to think they are sometimes out of place. While in a Belgian town which was being strafed, Carman, from HEADQUARTERS, 80TH INFANTRY DIVISION, ducked into a doorway for refuge from the leaden shower. In between the flailing machine-gun slugs a Corps MP jumped in the doorway after him and inquired, with all due efficiency: "Have you got a pass?"

Cpl. Jerome Kern, of LOWRY FIELD, Colo., thinks he holds the record for the shortest honeymoon of any man in the Army. Marrying a girl in England, with a week of bliss in view, he got orders giving him 30 minutes to catch a train to board a ship to return to the States on rotation. He had only five minutes alone with his bride.

The Lonely Hearts Club is a new organization set up within the IRTC NCO club at CAMP HOOD, Tex. Eligible for membership are only such NCO club habitués as have found it impossible to make satisfactory dates with members of the other sex. The initiation fee is a penny, and a dishonorable discharge, with the fee returned, is given to any member who finds a heart interest.

One of the teletypes at CAMP ROBERTS, Calif., got balled up the other day, so that it yielded numbers in place of letters. When Bob Sullivan, Red Cross Field director, made a complaint, he was told to hold his horses, and not to get mad. Sullivan teletyped back: "OK honey, we'll take your advice." Immediately he got a message: "Cut the honey. This is the manager, Bill Payne."

Men at LAREDO FIELD, Tex., who found themselves redlined on the payroll have been a bit mystified recently by the initials "TS," which appeared clearly, beside each man's name. The word got around last week that the mysterious letters were not a sympathetic note from the chaplain, but were the initials of the post payroll officer, 1st Lt. Theodore Sansom.

The psychiatrist of 700th Ordnance of the 45TH DIVISION, somewhere on the border of Germany, was putting S/Sgt. Travis Blasingame, of East St. Louis, Ill., through a section of his physical. "Do you have to get up in the night?" the mental medic queried. The sergeant thought a moment, and then replied, in all seriousness, "Twice every other night." The medic got interested and began to shower questions, including the reason for this frequent nocturnal rising. "Guard duty," said Blasingame, this time smiling.

Here's one man who ought to have no trouble finding a job after the war. Pvt. Ken. Whitney, at

FORT WARREN, Wyo., is reputed to be a topnotch football player, tied for third in the National AAU high jump, is crack man in track events, and plays with the post ball team. Aside from that he is drummer with an orchestra and is enough of an artist to be used to paint a mural in one of the service clubs.

Stranded when their car went out of commission, Cpl. Daniel Stuve, of the Patent Liaison office at WRIGHT FIELD, O., and two feminine members of their car pool, flagged a ride in a passing impressive-looking black limousine. Stuve, of course, allowed his lady friends to proceed him into the front seat, which was then filled up. But was laconically told by the driver: "Youse kin ride in back," with a jerk of the thumb toward the panelled rear. Taking the advice Stuve climbed in. All the way from town to the Field he sat in the company of an unidentified corpse.

M-69 Incendiary Bomb Used First Time Over Tokyo

SAN FRANCISCO. — The new M-69 incendiary bomb, designed especially for use against Japan, was responsible for the fast-spreading and high-leaping flames in Tokyo after last Saturday's raid, the Army's Chemical Warfare Service has revealed.

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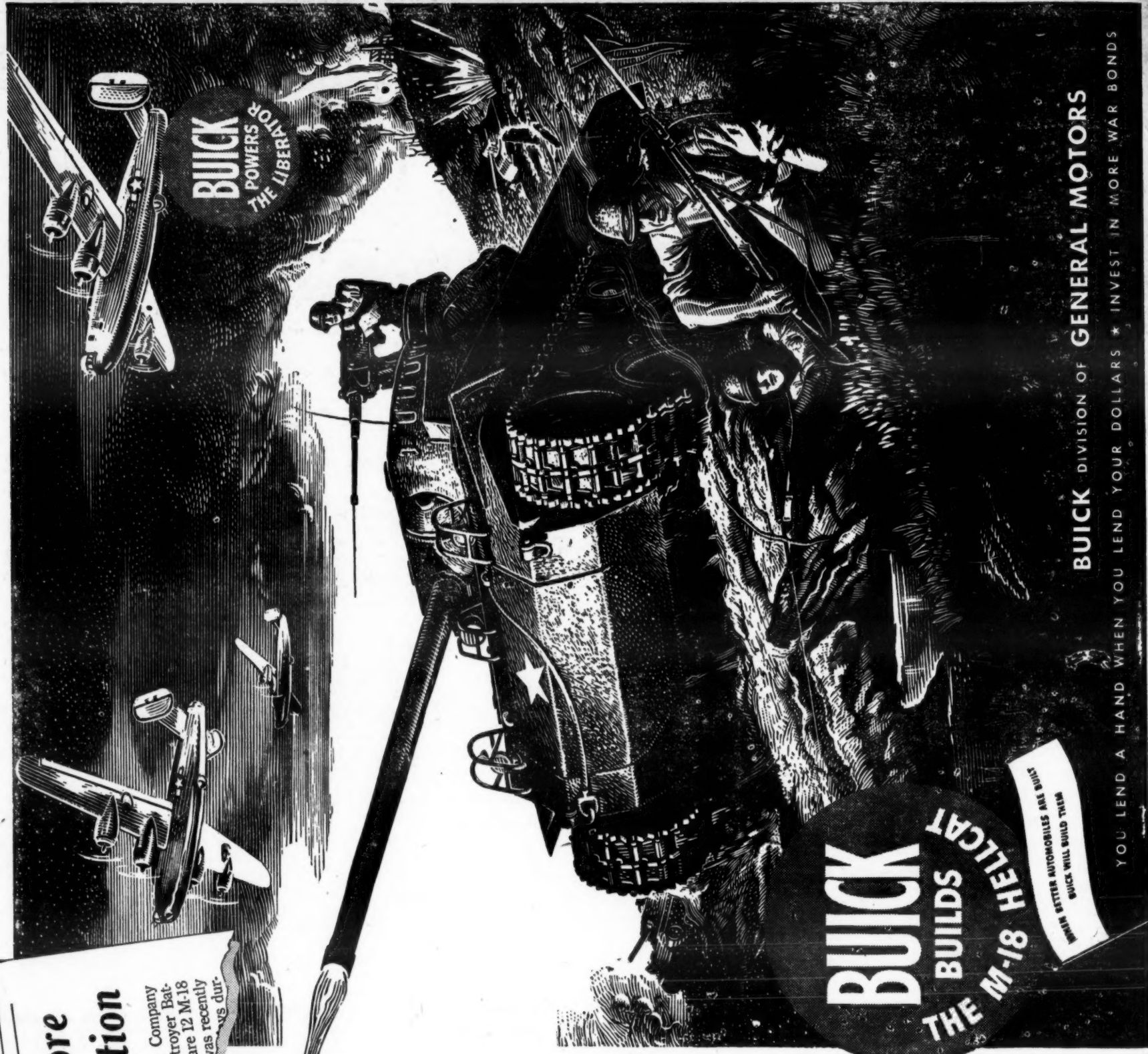
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